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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

No. 2 STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA March 1950

LODI

The city of Lodi has withdrawn from the county library system effective on July 1, 1950. This means that the incorporated area of Lodi will no longer be taxed for county library purposes and will, therefore, no longer receive county library service.

Since Lodi supports its own municipal library (local tax rate $.15) and in addition is paying $.03 on the county tax rate it was felt by Lodi that withdrawal would save local taxpayers some money.

However, the Lodi city manager has stated that non-Lodi residents can continue to use the Lodi library and Miss Boynton, the Lodi librarian, intends to continue the service which has been given.

BRANCH LIBRARIANS MEETING - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1950

Miss Thelma Passo, Supervising Reference Librarian, spoke to the four county branch librarians and the two city branch librarians on the use of their reference books, and means of answering borrowers' requests effectively. She also pointed out ways in which unanswered questions can be sent to Central so that we can proceed with fair assurance that we are on the right track. She emphasized that requests should be specific. Narrow the request to its exact terms by questioning your borrower. This may require one question or several. For example, if your borrower needs a book on repairing automobiles, find out the make, model and part to be repaired so that we can help you repair the right car.

Miss Passo also talked about the Subscriptions Books Bulletin published by the American Library Association. This publication gives unbiased, critical evaluations of dictionaries, encyclopedias and atlases for use in home and library. We have a copy of the Bulletin at the Reference Desk in Stockton. You or your borrowers are welcome to come in and use it or you can relay questions about such books to us for reference if people ask your opinion. Let them know that such a consumer's buying guide can be checked before they spend large sums of money for books.

RECALLS

When a book is recalled from your branch to fill a request at another branch, please report on postal:

1. If the book is out in circulation, and you will send as soon as returned. (In this case, do not renew it for your borrower.
2. If you think you have the book but can't locate it, and will send later.
3. If you have requests waiting for the book. (If you do, please notify us; we might be able to recall it from another branch.
4. If you do not have the book and have no invoice card for it.

Your prompt replies will speed up our request service to you and your borrowers.

REFERENCE LIBRARIAN TO FINLAND

Miss Thelma Passo, Supervising Reference Librarian since May 1949, has accepted an appointment with the United States Department of State to serve as Information Librarian in Finland. Miss Passo leaves March 17 to start her new duties. No appointment has yet been made to her position.

NEWSPAPERS ON FILM

From 1950 on the library's newspaper files will be kept on micro-film, which reduces copy to minute form on film. By use of a Recordak the copy can be blown up to almost normal size and easily read. Thousands of feet of storage space will be saved by this move. Both the New York Times and the Stockton Record will be kept in this form. Stop in the Reference Room when you are in and ask to see the Recordak.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner,
Librarian.

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BOOK USE

	February 1949	February 1950
County branches & stations:		
Calla	554	471
Clements	56	56
Collegeville	54	140
Escalon	1,376	1,592
Farmington	62	122
Lafayette	159	116
Lathrop	96	183
Linden	309	269
Live Oak	354	274
Lockeford	115	145
Lodi[1]	636	487
Manteca	1,806	1,562
Nile Garden	75	90
Nurses Home	196	221
Peters	120	106
Ripon	2,799	2,846
State Hospital	2,681	3,052
Thornton	156	118
Tracy	2,236	2,303
Vernalis	166	243
Woodbridge	229	271
City branches:		
El Dorado	2,031	1,972
Fair Oaks	2,457	3,020

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NEWS-LETTER

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

No. 3 STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA April 1950

PHONOGRAPH RECORDS

On April 1st the library started a service of circulating phonograph recordings for home use. Details of the service are in the enclosed folders. All loans at this time are made from the Stockton Public Library only. Any county borrower may use this service if he wishes but he must borrow and return the recordings at Stockton This procedure is necessary because of packing, handling and mailing problems which result in breakage of records. Both music and language instruction recordings are available.

INQUIRIES

Remember that we can serve your borrowers better if you will make a note of the subjects and titles of books people ask you for, even if they do not file a definite request. Send these notations to Headquarters or give them to Mrs. Ritter when you see her. Your cooperation will result in better service at your branch since such information helps us to choose better shipments for you.

Enclosed in this letter is a form which if filled in and returned by May 1st will help us select the kinds of books you want.

1950 PRIZE CHILDREN'S BOOKS

The 1950 Newbery award for the most distinguished book for American children was given to Marguerite de Angeli for The door in the wall. Keep this book in mind as an answer to 7th and 8th grade queries for material on medieval England. It is a dramatic story of Robin, crippled son of a great lord, who proves his courage and wins recognition from his King. You will also like its beautiful illustrations.

John Newbery, for whom the prize is named, was a London bookseller who first conceived the idea of publishing books expressly for children.

The Caldecott Medal was named for Randolph Caldecott, famous English illustrator and is given annually for the most distinguished American picture book for children. The 1950 medal was awarded to Leo Politi for Song of the swallows. Californians will dearly love this book as it is a story of Juan, a small boy in Capistrano, who loves the tales of old mission days told him by the Mission bell ringer. The pictures are exquisitely done in soft colors. Third and fourth grade children especially will like it and mothers will find it good for reading aloud.

VISITS

The following assistants made visits to Stockton headquarters during March:

Mrs. Zoe Strong of Manteca, Mrs. Sylvesta Freshour of Ripon, Mrs. Effie Mitchell of Escalon, Mrs. Mildred Dello of Tracy, Mrs. E.E. Vest of Calla, Mrs. F.J. Krebs of Farmington and Mrs. E.J. Lind of Nile Garden. Visits were also made by Mrs. June Heisinger and Mrs. Ruth Eby of the El Dorado Branch in Stockton, and Mrs. Lois Keys of the Fair Oaks Branch.

Miss Ida Condit, former city and county librarian, and Miss Amy Boynton of Lodi visited the Ripon and Tracy Branches with Miss Klausner.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner,
Librarian.

BOOK USE

County branches & stations:	March 1949	March 1950
Calla	628	568
Clements	46	79
Collegeville	130	162
Escalon	1,444	1,497
Farmington	84	93
Lafayette	159	280
Lathrop	97	200
Linden	335	295
Live Oak	381	276
Lockeford	123	197
Lodi[1]	747	439
Manteca	1,979	1,688
Nile Garden	80	74
S.J.Gen.Hosp.-School of Nursing	196	221
Peters	135	88
Ripon	2,830	3,746
State Hospital	2,639	3,703
Thornton	152	122
Tracy	2,745	2,816
Vernalis	201	268
Woodbridge	274	383
City Branches:		
El Dorado	2,762	2,457
Fair Oaks	4,160	3,941

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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

No. 4 STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA May 1950

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

With the acceptance of provisional appointments by the following people, the Stockton Public Library now has a complete staff for the first time in several months. The newcomers are:

Clark, Patricia J. Supervising Reference Librarian.
Miss Clark is a graduate of the University of California Library School, and has had experience in several libraries in California. Previous to her acceptance of this position she was Order Librarian at the Milwaukee Public Library.

Jones, John Frank. Junior Reference Librarian.
Mr. Jones is a member of this year's graduating class at the Library School of the George Peabody College for Teachers. Prior to entering library school, Mr. Jones had taught for several years and had worked with theatrical groups in Los Angeles.

Lacy, Sereta (Mrs. Frank). Librarian, Fair Oaks Branch.
Mrs. Lacy comes to Stockton from the Postgraduate Library, Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland where she had been reference librarian. She has a wide and varied experience including a tour of duty for the U.S. government in Japan. She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Library School.

CALIFORNIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

The California Library Association will hold its 52d conference in Sacramento June 21 through June 24. The convention theme is A century of books in California. The first days of the conference will be largely devoted to business and section meetings, with the celebration of the literary centennial scheduled for Saturday, June 24. We hope that many of the staff members of the Stockton and San Joaquin County Library will be able to attend the meetings, especially those on Saturday. If you wish further information on the meetings call the office at the main library.

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER - MAIN LIBRARY

The Stockton Public Library now has a new phone number ——9-9767. Calls are no longer routed through the City Hall switchboard.

COMMUNICATIONS TO EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

During Mrs. Ritter's vacation, May 15 through June 2, Mrs. Kelly will be in charge of the Extension Department. All communications, questions and calls will be sent to her.

HAVE YOU SEEN......

The article "What's wrong with our public libraries?" in the May 1950 Woman's Home Companion. It's well worth reading, and will give an insight into the problems which face your public library.

The advertisement of the Interlaken Mills in the May 1st issue of the Library Journal with pictures and a brief history of the Stockton Public Library.

PLASTIKLEER COVERS

All of the new fiction books coming from Central will have the new Plastikleer Protective Covers on them. Besides offering protection, they make the books more attractive and leave the "blurbs" in their entirety. These covers are intended to last the life of the book. If they are removed or mutilated by the borrower, a charge of 8¢ is to be made for replacement.

SHIPPING OF BOOKS

Please check carefully the wrapping of all packages of books before mailing them -- either to us or to a "loaning" library.

Be sure that the box in which books are packed is in good condition so the books will arrive at their destination in good condition. If the box you are using is in poor condition, please wrap it in heavy paper.

If a package is re-wrapped at a post office en route, we have no way of knowing how many books were in the original package and if any were lost.

LOST OR DAMAGED BOOKS

Many borrowers do not understand that books which are lost or damaged while charged to them must be paid for at the list price. We either replace that title with another copy or purchase a similar needed title.

Even though the borrower is willing to pay for the damaged or lost book, he may not keep it, even though a lost book turns up later, because it is purchased with public funds and is for all time public property. Such payment is in the nature of a penalty or fine for careless use or handling of public property.

Books are loaned with the understanding that the borrower will return the book in as good condition as it was when he borrowed it. Normal wear and tear is to be expected, but the library may make charges for damage to books which is apparently beyond the definition of "normal wear"; these charges may range from a few cents to the full list price of the book.

MOST POPULAR TITLES

The most popular titles in the city library system during April were:

FICTION:

Hersey - THE WALL
O'Hara - A RAGE TO LIVE
White - LORD JOHNNY
Winsor - STAR MONEY

NEW NOVELS OF INTEREST:

Green - NOTHING
Rooke - GROVE OF FEVER TREES

NON-FICTION:

Baldwin - I LEAP OVER THE WALL
Baruch - NEW WAYS IN DISCIPLINE
Dunbar - YOUR CHILD'S MIND AND BODY
Overstreet - MATURE MIND
Read - CHILDBIRTH WITHOUT FEAR
Thorp - PEABODY SISTERS OF SALEM
Velihosky - WORLD IN COLLISION

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner,
Librarian.

BOOK USE

County branches & stations:	April 1949	April 1950
Calla	570	796
Clements	35	73
Collegeville	72	128
Escalon	1,209	1,226
Farmington	40	82
Lafayette	106	241
Lathrop	57	164
Linden	394	223
Live Oak	356	326
Lockeford	138	153
Lodi[1]	530	328
Manteca	1,682	1,296
Nile Garden	88	71
S.J.Gen.Hosp.-School of Nursing	275	352
Peters	142	70
Ripon	2,334	2,450
State Hospital	3,507	3,425
Thornton	146	107
Tracy	2,019	2,114
Vernalis	150	183
Woodbridge	323	298
City Branches:		
El Dorado	1,853	1,808
Fair Oaks	2,771	3,769

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STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

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ESCALON

Asphalt tile flooring has recently been laid at the Escalon Branch. It has a marbleized design which blends nicely with the color of the shelves, and will be much easier to keep clean.

EL DORADO

Mrs. Ruth Eby, assistant at the El Dorado Branch at night and on Saturdays, is vacationing with her husband and son in Florida. Mr. Eby is teaching a course in Visual Aids at Florida State Teachers College, Tallahassee.

Mrs. Elsie Aulwurm is substituting for Mrs. Eby.

INVOICE CARDS

The invoice cards which come with each shipment of books should be used as an index of the books at the Branch. They are already arranged alphabetically by author, but if you find a title index more useful, it would be easy to rearrange the cards to this order.

When the shipment is returned to Headquarters, the invoice card corresponding to each book should be placed in the book pocket. The remaining invoice cards indicate which books are left at the Branch -- either on the shelves, out in circulation or lost.

These invoice cards form a flexible file by author and/or title for Branch use. The cards representing books remaining from the old shipment can be interfiled with those invoicing the new shipment and once more you have a complete, alphabetical, easily used index of books available to your borrowers at the Branch.

SHIPPING OF BOOKS

When sending packages of books in the mail, please be sure that all old labels are crossed off or torn off so that the Post Office Department will have no difficulty in determining where the package is to be delivered.

An irate Parcel Post delivery man brought in a package the other day which had two labels on it, one label directing the package to us, the other label addressing it to a Branch. Which was the 'Live' label?

CALIFORNIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Miss Mabel R. Gillis, the State Librarian, is calling the annual meeting of County Librarians for June 20 and 21 at Sacramento in connection with the annual conference of the California Librarian Association. Both Miss Klausner and Mrs. Ritter are planning to attend.

The California Library Association will hold its meetings from Wednesday, June 20, at noon to Saturday June 24.

Since 1950 is California's Literary Centennial, the program for the conference has been built around this theme. Some of the outstanding speakers on the 'Literary Centennial' in California are: Idwal Jones, Jacob Zeitlin, Dixon Wecter, Dr. John Walton Caughey, Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul and Joseph R. Knowland.

Librarians of national fame have been asked to speak at the meetings devoted to library procedures and techniques:

Verner Clapp, Chief Assistant Librarian of Congress.

Clarence A. Graham, Librarian of the Louisville, Ky. Public Library, and President-elect of the American Library Association.

Miss Edith Coulter, formerly professor of library science, School of Librarianship, University of California.

and:

Governor Earl Warren.

Dr. Lawrence C. Powell, librarian of the University of California at Los Angeles, and President of the California Library Association will preside over all General Sessions of the C.L.A.

Highlights of the week June 20 to 24 will be given next month!

PULITZER LITERARY AWARDS

The famous Pulitzer Prize awards are:

Fiction - - THE WAY WEST by A.B. Guthrie, Jr.

History - - ART AND LIFE IN AMERICA by O.W. Larkin

Biography - JOHN QUINCY ADAMS AND THE FOUNDATION OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY by Samuel F. Bemis

Poetry - - ANNIE ALLEN by Gwendolyn Brooks

Drama - - - SOUTH PACIFIC by Rogers and Hammerstein

These may be had upon request through your Branch facilities.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner,
Librarian.

BOOK USE

County branches & stations	May 1949	May 1950
Calla	551	611
Clements	73	71
Collegeville	86	125
Escalon	977	1,257
Farmington	53	70
Lafayette	126	334
Lathrop	66	116
Linden	324	233
Live Oak	396	307
Lockeford	90	180
Lodi[1]	588	409
Manteca	1,489	1,714
Nile Garden	77	62
S.J.Gen.Hosp.-School of Nursing	275	390
Peters	131	76
Ripon	2,108	2,622
State Hospital	2,089	3,964
Thornton	145	161
Tracy	2,005	2,372
Vernalis	93	141
Woodbridge	292	317
City Branches		
El Dorado	2,705	2,414
Fair Oaks	2,570	3,450

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STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

No. 6 STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA July 1950

MAIN LIBRARY

The Stockton City Council has named Peter L. Sala of Stockton as the architect for the new Stockton Public Library building which will be built some time in the future to the north of City Hall plaza.

Miss Klausner left on an extended tour of outstanding library buildings of the Middle-west and East to study features which may be incorporated into the plans for our new building. She will visit libraries in the Chicago area, Detroit, Toledo, the Cleveland area, Washington, D.C., Baltimore, and Louisville. During her trip she will attend the week long conference of the American Library Association in Cleveland. Mr. Sala will join her in Cleveland to attend the meetings on library planning and building.

Mr. Robert Leigh of St. Louis, Missouri has joined the Reference Department staff as a junior librarian. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and holds a Master of Arts degree in librarianship from the same school.

CALIFORNIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

The annual conference of the California Library Association celebrated in grand style the literary centennial. Mrs. Ritter and Miss Klausner attended the pre-conference meeting of county librarians, in which both participated. Mrs. Ritter's conducting of one of the meetings aroused much favorable comment and was singled out for praise in the State Librarian's monthly letter to county librarians.

Most members of the Main Library staff attended one or more days of the conference. Highlights of the convention as reported by various staff members ....the mid-nineteenth century plays presented after a buffet supper at the Eaglet Theatre.......the rising ovation for Mabel Gillis at the centennial lunch..... the speech of "Skip" Graham, president-elect of the A.L.A. ....the charm with which Mr. Powell presided at the meetings.........Father Geiger's talk on the Mission libraries.......the late Dixon Wecter's wonderful talk on California literature.......

Miss Klausner and Mr. Koping who spent much time at the Registration Desk report that the official registration was 641--almost 100 more than the previous high attendance.

THE STOCKTON HOME SHOW

The Public Library will have an exhibit at the Home Show, July 20 through 23, at the Civic Auditorium. A special booklist has been prepared for use at the exhibit and copies will be sent to all branch libraries.

VACATION STORY HOURS

Miss Jeanette Veneman is having story hours at Fair Oaks Branch and various playgrounds in Stockton. They have met with much success and almost without exception attendance and enthusiasm increase with each story-telling period. Her schedule for these is:

Fair Oaks Branch: Tuesdays, 11 A.M.
Edison Villa Playground: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 11 A.M.
Oak Park: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 1 P.M.
Victory School Playground: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 11 A.M.
Lottie Grunsky School Playground: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 1 P.M.

BRANCH NEWS

Ripon. The City of Ripon has purchased venetian blinds for the west windows of the library.

The 4-H girls and the Ripon Lions Club cooperated in planting lawn and shrubs around the building, adding much to the appearance of the library.

The Clinton McCausland Post No. 190 of the American Legion presented the library with a bronze plaque honoring the 13 men from Ripon who lost their lives in World War II.

Escalon. In past summers the Escalon Branch has been so unbearably hot that work was almost impossible. Mrs. Mitchell should find working pleasanter this summer since the District Chamber of Commerce has installed a blower which will keep the library much cooler.

Tracy. Mrs. Mildred Dello is vacationing with her husband. During her absence Mrs. Justine Blair is substituting for her--and doing a very capable job.

JUVENILE REGISTRATION FORMS

The registration forms for children which were sent to the branches in June are to be used for all children below the 9th grade. We hope this form will simplify the registration problem and help obtain the necessary information. Be certain to get the father's and/or mother's full name. This information will aid in identifying the child's family when sending notices for overdue books. Be sure to fill out two slips for each child and, as usual, send one in to us.

MONTHLY REPORTS

PLEASE send in the monthly reports of books circulated at your Branch before the 5th of each month. The City Librarian is required to submit her report to the City Manager on or before the 12th of each month. For the past two months one or more branches have been late in sending in the monthly statistics so that our reports have been about two weeks late at City Hall. The reports for June and December should be sent in within two days after the last day of business for the month, since these are needed to compile the semi-annual and annual reports to the County Board of Supervisors and to the State Library. These reports must be in on time---PLEASE.

READABLE, WORTHWHILE BOOKS

These are titles which will appeal to many readers in your community. They may, our course, be requested from the Extension Department.

Chatterton, Ruth. HOMEWARD BORNE. A distinguished novel, by the well-known actress. It is a powerful indictment of race prejudice and a readable story.

Douglas, William O. OF MEN AND MOUNTAINS. Actually this is a sort of a love story--the story of a man's affection for the mountains. An account of his adventures in the Cascade range in Oregon and Washington and the effect those adventures had on the man's life and character. The Associate Justice of the Supreme Court tells a story well, and in telling his story gives much of his philosophy.

Gunther, John. ROOSEVELT IN RETROSPECT. Another chronicle of the life and times of "that man". But whether the reader is a reactionary Republican or a left-wing Democrat he will find that this is the most significant of the Roosevelt biographies and one well worth reading regardless of political affiliation.

Tharp, Louise. THE PEABODY SISTERS OF SALEM. A wondrously readable study of three women who in their own ways influenced American life and thought. Sophie who became the wife of Nathaniel Hawthorne, Mary who became the wife of Horace Mann (the founder of the liberal approach to education in America), and Elizabeth who introduced the kindergarten to America and who in addition was an outstanding theorist on education. This deeply personal biography of these three women is more readable than many recent novels.

Lin Yutang. ON THE WISDOM OF AMERICA. A collection compiled by the Chinese-American philosopher of his favorite American writings. It ranges from pre-Revolutionary times to the present, and covers a wide range of thought and theory.

Reynolds, Quentin. COURTROOM. This is the story of Samuel Liebowitz, the great criminal lawyer. It reads better and faster than any recent mystery story and in addition gives a personalized inside view of such famous criminal trials as the Scottsboro case, the slaying of Ruth Gideon, and of the trial and death of Bruno Hauptmann. His conclusions on the last case are interesting to those who remember the hysteria surrounding the kidnapping of the Lindbergh child and Hauptmann's trial. In addition to discussing the cases handled by this great criminal lawyer, it presents a picture of a great humanitarian and a life dedicated to justice.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner
Librarian

BOOK USE

COUNTY BRANCHES & STATIONS:	JUNE 1949	JUNE 1950
Calla	371	772
Clements	51	97
Collegeville	81	119
Escalon	1,022	1,230
Farmington	35	87
Lafayette	151	170
Lathrop	92	230
Linden	297	249
Live Oak	416	311
Lockeford	122	176
Lodi[1]	524	354
Manteca	1,702	1,466
Nile Garden	73	130
S.J.Gen.Hosp.-Sch. of Nursing	275	373
Peters	136	49
Ripon	1,632	1,379
State Hospital	2,733	4,165
Thornton	164	119
Tracy	1,967	2,030
Vernalis	157	194
Woodbridge	268	317
CITY BRANCHES:		
El Dorado	1,635	1,644
Fair Oaks	2,233	2,490

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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

No. 7 STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA August 1950

PERSONNEL

Estela Chubb, (Mrs. W. M.) has been appointed secretary to the Librarian in place of Esther Parks, who is on indefinite leave.

Jean Neal of the Extension Dept. has resigned. Mr. and Mrs. Neal are moving to Tuscon, Arizona.

Marion Jesse of the Circulation Dept. has been transferred on a provisional appointment to take Mrs. Neal's place.

Eunice McPherson of the Extension Dept. has resigned. She has left to serve with the Army Library Service in Japan.

A. L. A. CONFERENCE

Miss Klausner has returned from the A. L. A. Conference where she and Mr. Sala, the library architect, spent most of the week attending meetings on library planning and studying projected plans of libraries throughout the county.

COUNTY BUDGET INCREASE

The County Board of Supervisors has increased the library budget from $65,000 to $75,000 for the next year. Welcome though this increase may be, it still falls far short of the $117,000 requested to give the service considered minimum by the American Library Association. The increase will be used to strengthen the book collection and to provide better service to the existing branches and stations rather than in the opening of new outlets or the reopening of stations closed in the fall of 1949. A continued effort will be made to eventually get the County support raised at least to the level maintained by the City of Stockton.

ANNUAL REPORT 1949/50

Attached to this month's Newsletter is a summary of the Librarian's annual report to the City Manager and the County Board of Supervisors. Despite the loss in circulation incurred by the closing of seven stations the system as a whole showed a healthy gain in the use of its facilities.

ANNUAL REPORT ON COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE

1949-1950

More people are reading more books in Stockton and San Joaquin county. A survey of operations for the 1949-50 fiscal year points out that during this period 563,659 books were taken home and over 533,149 issued for the year 1948-49. Some 35,000 people are registered borrowers now; in 1948 there were 32,753.

County use of books was 360,586 or 64% of the total. Within Stockton 32% of library use was to county residents.

Insufficient operating funds made it necessary to close seven county branches during the year. This need to curtail county service was made only after thorough study showed that the county library system was greatly overextended and was operating at a cost well above what was appropriated to support it.

Yet even this tightening of the belt did not decrease the use of books. County branches at Tracy, Manteca, Ripon and Escalon issued 88,854 volumes, an increase of 14,174.

From the Stockton Public Library and the city branches county residents took home 86,593 volumes or 15,960 more than in 1948-49.

The need, at any time, to withdraw easy access of people to books and to the knowledge they contain must always be regretted. In these turbulent days when people need a quick approach to current reliable information, to the recorded experiences of mankind, and to the inspiration and ideas found in many books it must be doubly regretted.

It is hoped that in the future a way can be found to give the county library service the support it needs so that the same wide selection of books and ease of getting books that is developing in county urban centers can be extended into the rural areas.

Some Additional Facts

The library has a total of 294,817 volumes, including bound magazines, newspapers and documents.

During 1949-50 it added 12,150 new books.

The library is a depository for state and federal publications.

116 albums of music recordings were added to the collection this year.

58 books on films and a Ceiling Projector can be borrowed for certified invalid use.

Although records and films cannot be loaned through county branches and stations, any resident of the county may borrow the materials without cost by coming to the Stockton Public Library and arranging for their use.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner
Librarian

COMPARATIVE BOOK USE STATISTICS - 1948/49, 1949/50

CITY AGENCIES	1948/49	1949/50	Gain or Loss
Main Library	198,003	207,249	Gain 9,246 - 4.6%
Fair Oaks Branch	26,408	35,863	Gain 9,455 - 35.7%
El Dorado Branch	21,302	24,135	Gain 2,833 - 13.3%
Camps & Organizations	1,273	382	Loss 891 - 70.0%
City Schools	9,895	22,037	Gain 12,142 -122.7%
Totals - City Agencies	256,881	289,666	Gain 32,785 - 12.3%

COUNTY AGENCIES			
Calla	6,206	6,738	Gain 532 - 8.5%
Clements	700	783	Gain 83 - 11.8%
Collegeville	847	1,456	Gain 609 - 71.9%
Escalon	12,545	14,167	Gain 1,622 - 12.9%
Farmington	704	741	Gain 37 - 5.2%
Lafayette	1,353	2,000	Gain 647 - 47.7%
Lathrop	1,041	1,591	Gain 550 - 52.8%
Linden	3,649	3,155	Loss 494 - 13.5%
Live Oak	4,351	4,077	Loss 274 - 6.3%
Lockeford	1,392	1,930	Gain 538 - 38.6%
Lodi*	30,750	30,953	Gain 203 - 0.6%
Manteca	19,065	19,266	Gain 201 - 1.0%
Nile Garden	1,021	924	Loss 97 - 9.5%
Peters	1,462	1,189	Loss 273 - 19.0%
Ripon	18,455	29,126	Gain 10,671 - 57.8%
S. J. Gen. Hosp.--Sch. Nursing	2,635	3,002	Gain 367 - 13.9%
State Hospital	32,048	38,041	Gain 5,993 - 18.7%
Thornton	1,903	1,749	Loss 154 - 8.1%
Tracy	24,606	26,286	Gain 1,680 - 6.8%
Vernalis	1,881	2,368	Gain 487 - 25.8%
Woodbridge	3,073	3,430	Gain 357 - 11.2%
7 Stations closed fall 1949	40,671	9,529	Loss 31,142 - 76.0%
Total County Branches & Stat.	210,148	202,501	Loss 7,647 - 3.6%
County Schools	66,120	71,492	Gain 5,372 - 8.1%
Totals - County Agencies	276,268	273,993	Loss 2,275 - 0.8%

TOTAL CIRCULATION ALL AGENCIES	533,149	563,659	Gain 30,510 - 5.7%

* 1/3 total Lodi circulation

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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

No. 9 STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA OCTOBER 1950

MUSEUM EXHIBIT

The Literary Centennial Exhibit sponsored by the Library at the Pioneer Museum has been such a success that it is being held over through the month of October. It consists of early and fine editions of important items of Californiana from the Library's collection and facsimiles of manuscripts of many of the same works from the Huntington Library's fabulous collection. If you have not seen the exhibit you will find it worthwhile and interesting.

Also at the Museum this month there is a display of paintings by contemporary artists of the San Joaquin Valley and the Mother Lode area in which you will find much of interest. The Museum is in Victory Park.

LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Stockton City Council has appointed a Building Committee of Stockton residents to advise the architect, Peter Sala, and the librarian in the planning of the new library building. All of the members of the committee are young Stockton business men, with much enthusiasm and interest in the projected library building. The members of the group are: Herman Holman, civil engineer of the firm of Davis and Holman; Don Clark, a building contractor; Al Anderson, bank manager for the American Trust Company.

"KNOW YOUR LIBRARY"

The Library has a print of the film "Know your library" on the extension and improvement of library services. The film (in technicolor) runs for about 20 minutes and in that time gives a concise, colorful description of library service as it is in many sections of the United States, and states briefly what could be done to improve library service. The Library is most anxious to give the film as wide a circulation as possible. If there is an organization in your community which might be interested in incorporating a showing of the film into its winter program, let Mrs. Ritter know and every effort will be made to have the film shown in your community.

LOST AND DAMAGED BOOKS

There have been a number of questions about payments and refunds for lost and damaged books. This is a restatement of our policy.

The price charged for lost books is the list price of the book. The orange invoice card (for all newer books) has this price in the lower left hand corner. For prices of earlier books send a note or telephone Headquarters for this information.

Payment for loss or damage does not entitle the person paying to ownership of the book. Book loans are made with the implicit understanding that the borrower will return the book in the same condition that he took it out. Normal wear and tear is to be expected. Payment for loss or damage is in the nature of reimbursement for improper use of public property and does not constitute a sale.

Please note the difference between a book which has been really damaged by a borrower and wear and tear which comes from many circulations. Only those books which have been defaced by crayon, ink, etc., or which have been mutilated, left out in the rain, chewed by dogs, burnt with cigarettes, or otherwise marred, should be called damaged. If the book has gradually become shabby through repeated circulation it is not fair to call it damaged by any one borrower.

Total payment for lost books cannot be refunded after eight weeks from date paid. After that period a charge of $1.50 is made if books are returned in good condition ($1.00 fine and 50¢ for labor required to change records in the process of reinstating the book).

BOOK WEEK

Book Week in 1950 will be observed November 12 through November 18. Materials for display, etc., will be sent to all branches in time for the preparation of displays and whatever celebration you may plan for the week.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Andrew Long, for many years janitor and more recently head janitor at the Main Library, retired on October 16. His pleasing personality and his willingness to accomodate will be missed by the entire staff of the Main Library. We wish him many years of pleasant and enjoyable retirement. At the party given for him on the afternoon of October 13, former employees of the Library came to wish him well. Among those present were Miss Ida Condit, former head librarian, Miss Ida Smith, formerly of the Reference Department staff, and Genevieve Corrigan, senior librarian and for many years the librarian's secretary.

Edna Fowler, order librarian, has returned to work on a part-time schedule after an illness of several months duration.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner
Librarian

BOOK USE

COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS:	SEPTEMBER 1949	SEPTEMBER 1950
Calla	410	445
Clements	71	88
Collegeville	136	95
Escalon	962	1,056
Farmington	26	102
Lafayette	116	352
Lathrop	130	195
Linden	273	307
Live Oak	364	344
Lockeford	144	143
Manteca	1,606	1,473
Nile Garden	66	66
Peters	127	63
Ripon	1,520	1,140
S.J. Gen. Hosp.-Sch. of Nursing	193	373
State Hospital	2,913	3,508
Thornton	172	133
Tracy	2,207	1,866
Vernalis	182	148
Woodbridge	216	271
CITY BRANCHES:		
El Dorado	1,780	2,180
Fair Oaks	2,544	2,310

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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

No. 12 STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA January 1951

PERSONNEL

Jeanette Veneman, the children's librarian, was married to Ralph Kraayendrink in December.

Annabelle Lee is the new clerk in the Extension Department, and the new clerk in the County School Library is Patricia Yen.

NEW EQUIPMENT

The Ripon Memorial Library has received its new IBM time clock and dater; the Manteca Library is the proud possessor of a new public catalog; and at Tracy a curbside library sign has been set up. The sign is the gift of the local Soroptimist Club.

STORY HOURS

During the Christmas vacation period the Escalon and Fair Oaks branches held very successful story hours. At Escalon Mrs. Mitchell was hostess to a capacity crowd of youngsters, and at Fair Oaks Mrs. Lacy had to give a second session to care for the overflow crowd. When the library is again able to enter an intensive program of children's work we hope to be able to do this sort of thing often at all major library agencies.

RECEIPT BOOKS FOR BRANCHES

County Branch Assistants will receive receipt books for use with books lost and paid. A review of the procedure follows.

When a borrower has lost a book and pays for it, the Branch Assistant will make out a receipt in duplicate noting this information:

Author and title of book and amount paid
Borrowers name
Date on which payment was made

One copy is given to the borrower and the other is kept by the Branch Assistant in case the book is found and returned within eight weeks.

The money is kept at the branch for eight weeks and is then sent to the Extension Department so that replacements can be made. If the book is returned within the eight week period, the full amount is returned to the borrower providing he presents his receipt and signs an acknowledgment of the refund at the bottom of the receipt. (Money refunded Date Signature) The two receipts will then be sent to the Extension Department.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner
Librarian.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS AT BRANCHES AND STATIONS, 1950

COUNTY BRANCHES	1949	1950
Escalon	13,224	15,443
Manteca	20,501	19,283
Ripon	27,239	28,878
Tracy	25,740	24,919
COUNTY STATIONS		
Calla	6,130	6,973
Clements	699	855
Collegeville	1,113	1,482
Farmington	533	1,118
Lafayette	1,509	2,599
Lathrop	992	2,280
Linden	3,571	3,146
Live Oak	4,466	3,935
Lockeford	1,588	2,008
Nile Garden	902	938
Peters	1,444	981
S.J. Co. School of Nursing	2,637	3,532
State Hospital	32,623	43,377
Thornton	1,880	1,522
Vernalis	2,021	1,950
Woodbridge	3,221	3,533
CITY BRANCHES		
El Dorado	24,583	27,101
Fair Oaks	32,326	37,480

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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

No. 14 STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA March 1951

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Mrs. Edna Kelly is taking a leave of absence, effective March 15. The Kellys expect an addition to the family within a short time.

Miss Dorothea Berry joined the Extension Department as a Senior Librarian, replacing Mrs. Kelly.

Miss Margaret Reid will be Acting Supervising Extension Librarian pending a permanent appointment.

Mrs. Sereta Lacy, Branch Librarian at Fair Oaks, has resigned effective March 31. Mrs. Lacy is leaving to join her husband who has taken a position at Fort Ord. No appointment has been made for a successor.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING CLASSES

In-service training classes were held each morning for the period March 5 through 16. These classes were held to orient new staff members of the Main Library on the purposes and procedures of all departments of the library system, and to give them a more complete conception of how they fit into the overall picture of the Library's functions.

EL DORADO BRANCH RENOVATION

The El Dorado branch will be closed from Friday, March 16 until Tuesday, March 27 for redecoration and minor alterations and repairs.

TRACY GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Miss Klausner spoke to about 30 members of the Tracy Garden Club on Wednesday evening, February 14. Her talk on gardening books was accompanied by a display of some of the more colorful and interesting books on phases of gardening. Mrs. Dello's attractive arrangements of camellias made a colorful background for the affair.

PROFESSIONAL READING

The Library has a large collection of books, pamphlets and periodicals on all phases of library work and procedures, many of which will be of interest to you. In addition the library subscribes to many book reviewing magazines which may help you. The Library periodicals include The Library Journal, Wilson's Library Bulletin, The Library Quarterly and The California Librarian. Book reviewing magazines available include The Saturday Review of Literature, The New York Times Book Review, The New York Herald-Tribune Books.

In the collection of pamphlets is an amusing and informative booklet on your relationships with the public called Patrons are people. Many pointers on how to make life more pleasant for your library user and you can be gleaned from its 38 pages.

BOOKLISTS

The latest booklist issued by the Library is "Religious Reading", and is intended to suggest books which will inform and inspire. Additional copies may be obtained through the Extension Department.

The Librarian and the Extension Department staff send you wishes for a happy Easter.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner,
Librarian

BOOK USE

COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS	February 1950	February 1951
Calla	471	501
Clements	56	74
Collegeville	140	58
Escalon	1592	1444
Farmington	122	128
Lafayette	116	214
Lathrop	183	115
Linden	269	246
Live Oak	274	371
Lockeford	176	125
Manteca	1562	2035
Nile Garden	90	66
Peters	106	11
Ripon	2846	3159
S.J. Hospital-School of Nursing	221	252
State Hospital	3052	3566
Thornton	118	102
Tracy	2672	2484
Vernalis	243	143
Woodbridge	271	298

CITY BRANCHES		
El Dorado	1972	3575
Fair Oaks	3020	3062

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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

No. 15 STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA April 1951

GOLDEN EMPIRE DISTRICT MEETING

The Golden Empire District of the California Library Association held its annual meeting in Stockton on April 14. About one hundred librarians from Yolo, Sacramento, San Joaquin and the Mother Lode counties attended. The morning session was devoted largely to a discussion of state-aid for libraries based on a report presented by the State Aid committee of the CLA.

At the luncheon a Stockton psychiatrist, Dr. I. I. Weiss, spoke on the role of libraries in the mental health of the community. During the afternoon the meeting divided into sections at one of which Amy Boynton, of the Lodi Public Library, spoke on the work of The President's White House Conference on Children and Youth. Miss Boynton was one of the few librarians in the United States to take part in that conference. The other section discussed the problems of film circuits which if solved will help the libraries of this area in giving film loaning service which would otherwise be beyond their budgets.

The frank talk by Dr. Weiss provoked much comment and discussion. The talk by Miss Boynton, according to rumors which have reached this office, was for many the highlight of the meeting.

THE BRANCH ASSISTANT'S MANUAL

A new manual to restate and clarify many of the procedures followed in the Library's extension service is ready for distribution. It will be brought to you by headquarter's personnel on the next visit to your branch or station.

RECALLED BOOKS

The Extension Department personnel want to express appreciation for the prompt attention given to recall requests. Promptness in sending in these books, or reporting that they are in circulation or lost, has helped improve service throughout the system.

NEW STATE HOSPITAL LIBRARIAN

Mrs. Jeanette Barry became librarian of the Stockton State Hospital on April 1. Mrs. Barry held a similar position at the Napa State Hospital. She will have charge of the medical library as well as the library service for attendents and patients. Miss Dorothy Williams will continue as assistant in the patients' library.

It is planned to extend service to State Hospital personnel through the branch now at the hospital.

BOOKLISTS

A new booklist "Baseball" has been distributed. Additional copies may be obtained from the Extension Department.

The first supplement to the phonograph record catalog is off the press. It lists all accessions to the collection from January 1 - March 31. If you want copies either of the basic catalog or the supplement they may be had on request.

EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS

The Library had an attractive display at the Spring Flower Show of the Stockton Garden Club, which featured shadow-boxes in which were arranged the jackets of outstanding books pertaining to gardening.

The Library will have a display at the Stockton Home Show, April 19-21. It will be a part of the exhibits prepared by the educational agencies of the area.

Displays which caught our eyes this month included the "Books are more fun than a circus" at the Fair Oaks Branch and the El Dorado Branch display based on birds in the spring. Of course no one could help not noticing the blatant display on baseball at the Main Library. The display at the Ripon Branch was outstanding because of its judicious use of a wallpaper background.

NEWBERY-CALDECOTT AWARD WINNERS

The annual awards for the most distinguished children's book published in the United States in 1950 and the most distinguished picture book for children published in the United States during the year have been announced.

Amos Fortune, Free Man, by Elizabeth Yates has received the Newbery prize for the best children's book published, and The Egg Tree, by Katherine Milhous, has received the Caldecott award for the best picture book.

Both books are in the Extension Department collection and may be requested if not available at your branch or deposit station.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner,
Librarian

BOOK USE

COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS	March 1950	March 1951
Calla	568	671
Clements	79	90
Collegeville	162	112
Escalon	1,497	1,642
Farmington	93	87
Lafayette	280	244
Lathrop	200	130
Linden	295	272
Live Oak	276	470
Lockeford	197	59
Manteca	1,688	2,242
Nile Garden	74	99
Peters	88	52
Ripon	3,746	3,286
San Joaquin Hospital School of Nursing	221	410
State Hospital	3,703	3,808
Thornton	122	127
Tracy	2,816	2,744
Vernalis	268	193
Woodbridge	383	298
CITY BRANCHES		
El Dorado	2,457	3,295
Fair Oaks	3,941	3,114

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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

No. 16 STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA May 1951

STATE LIBRARIAN RETIRES

The retirement of California's State Librarian, Mabel R. Gillis, this summer has been announced by Governor Warren. We, who have worked with Miss Gillis, and know of her deep interest in library service generally will miss her counsel and helpful comment. Her years of experience and her close personal interest in county libraries and in the problems of getting books and people together in our rural areas have always been a source of help for us in the field. We wish Miss Gillis a happy retirement.

Governor Warren has appointed a state wide committee of librarians to make recommendations for a new state librarian. Members of the committee are: H. L. Hamill, Los Angeles Public Library, Chairman; Clara Breed, San Diego Public Library; Laurence J. Clarke, San Francisco Public Library; Donald Coney, University of California Library, Berkeley; Peter J. Conmy, Oakland Public Library; Dorothy Drake, Scripps College, Pomona; Delbert C. Jeffers, Monterey Public Library;; Margaret Klausner, Public Library, Stockton and San Joaquin County; Eleanor Wilson, Kern County Library; James S. Dean, Director of the State Department of Finance.

BESSIE B. SILVERTHORN

Our best wishes to Miss Bessie B. Silverthorn, Librarian of the McHenry Free Public Library and the Stanislaus County Library, Modesto, who has retired this month after many years of pioneering and fruitful work in the public library field. No appointment has yet been made to fill the vacancy left by Miss Silverthorn.

NEW LIBRARY DEPOSIT STATION

A new library station has been opened at the Greenwood School (on Waterloo Road) with Mrs. Louise Orcutt in charge. The new station is the result of the interest of the Greenwood School Parent-Teacher Association in having the library supply it with material on child care and family relationships, until eventually the entire base of service was extended to cover general library service.

PULITZER PRIZE WINNERS

The Pulitzer prizes for 1950 have been announced. All prize winning books are in the library's collection and may be requested through the Extension Department. Awards were made to the following authors:

History: Buley. The Old Northwest.
Biography: Coit. John C. Calhoun.
Fiction: Richter. The town.
Poetry: Sandburg. Complete poems.

No award was made for drama; the music award went to Douglas Moore for the opera Giants in the earth (based on the novel of the same name by Ole Rolvaag), the score has not yet been published but will be ordered on publication. One of the journalism awards was given to Marguerite Higgins for her reporting of the Korean "police action" (the library has her recent book War in Korea).

NOTABLE BOOKS, 1950

The annual compilation of notable books published during the preceding year has been issued by the American Library Association. Copies have been made and issued to all library agencies. If you need additional copies, request them of the Extension Department.

GREAT BOOKS SESSIONS

A Great Books discussion group is now meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 at the Fair Oaks Branch Library. This group will meet weekly until June 6 when it will adjourn for the summer, resuming its discussions in the fall. If you know of anyone interested in joining the group have them call Mrs. Lacy at the Fair Oaks Branch (4-4721).

RADIO "SPOT" ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Stockton radio stations (KSTN, KWG, KDGM, KXOB, KCVM) are donating time for announcements of library services, books of current interest and books for special interests. The city library agencies have reported inquiries resulting from these announcements. Reports on requests made to county agencies which can be traced to these announcements would be appreciated.

NEW BUILDING PLANS

Preliminary work on the new Main Library building plan is now under way. A recent decision of the County Board of Supervisors has determined that library service to county residents will continue to be given in the new structure, but no provision is being made to continue our service to the county's elementary schools since the Board of Supervisors did not wish to provide operating quarters for this function.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Al and Edna Kelly have announced the birth of a son, Kevin Edward, on April 25. Mrs. Kelly, Senior Librarian in the Extension Department, is on leave.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner,
Librarian

BOOK USE

COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS	April 1950	April 1951
Calla[1]	796	
Clements	73	59
Collegeville	128	74
Escalon	1,226	1,453
Farmington	82	57
Greenwood[2]	0	44
Lafayette	241	260
Lathrop	164	115
Linden	223	280
Live Oak	326	431
Lockeford	153	71
Manteca	1,296	1,876
Nile Garden	71	65
Peters	70	50
Ripon	2,450	3,924
San Joaquin Hospital School of Nursing	352	410
State Hospital	3,425	4,006
Thornton	107	109
Tracy	2,114	2,480
Vernalis	183	136
Woodbridge	298	385
CITY BRANCHES		
El Dorado	1,808	3,336
Fair Oaks	3,769	3,675

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[1] Monthly report not received.

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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

No. 17 STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA June 1951

JUNE REPORTS

Please send in your monthly report for June as soon as possible after the 30th. The Library must make its annual report to the State Library and the County Board of Supervisors as soon as possible after July 1. Any delay on your part in sending these in will seriously hamper this work.

STATE LIBRARY BOOKS

Please report promptly to the Extension Department when State Library books are received and returned so that the correct records can be made.

"RECALL" BOOKS

Service on requests can be speeded up and facilitated if you will put a slip marked "Recall" in all books sent in at the request of the Extension Department.

ELKHORN BRANCH

A summer deposit of books for children is available at the home of Mrs. Foster Busey in the Elkorn School District. Hours of service are from 9-12 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

SUMMER CAMPS

Not generally known is the fact that library books are available to people at the Silver Lake Camp. Deposits are also loaned to the Camp Fire Girls, the Girl Scouts and other organizations maintaining special summer programs. Please refer anyone who wants this type of service to the Extension Department.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Joseph N. Benson has accepted an appointment as Supervising Extension Librarian and will report for work on July 1. Mr. Benson is a graduate of Birmingham-Southern College, and has his degree in librarianship from the University of Illinois Library School. His entire career has been devoted to extension work, first in libraries in Alabama and more recently as assistant to the Extension Librarian in Fort Wayne and Allen County Public Library, Indiana.

Mr. Jasper Wright has accepted an appointment as Branch Librarian at the Fair Oaks Branch and will report on July 1. Mr. Wright is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and holds a degree in librarianship from the same university. He comes to the Stockton-San Joaquin library system from the Oakland Public Library.

Mrs. Sereta Lacy will transfer to the Extension Department headquarters from Fair Oaks Branch. She will replace Miss Dorothea Berry who has accepted a position with the College of the Pacific Library.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner,
Librarian

BOOK USE

COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS	May 1950	May 1951
Calla	611	428
Clements	71	79
Collegeville	125	71
Escalon	1,257	1,381
Farmington	70	41
Greenwood	not open	103
Lafayette	334	194
Lathrop	116	194
Linden	233	303
Live Oak	307	408
Lockeford	233	136
Manteca	1,714	1,843
Nile Garden	62	71
Peters	76	49
Ripon	2,622	3,606
San Joaquin Hospital-Sch. of Nursing	390	241
State Hospital	3,964	3,682
Thornton	161	106
Tracy	2,372	2,437
Vernalis	141	118
Woodbridge	317	517
CITY BRANCHES		
El Dorado	2,414	6,139
Fair Oaks	3,450	3,493

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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

No. 18 STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA July 1951

BRANCH VISITS

Mr. Benson, the new Supervising Extension Librarian, and I have started on a schedule of branch visits. Because of vacation periods we may not get around to seeing you this month but we hope to call on you soon. These visits are preliminary to a plan of regular visits during which we hope to discuss problems with you, and to inventory your collections, appraise service in your area and promote more effective use of books and materials.

RIPON

At Ripon a new coat of outside paint and the fresh greenness of a new lawn are adding to the attractiveness of the branch.

Jeanette Kraayenbrink substituted for Mrs. Freshour, who was absent from library duties recently during the serious illness of her husband. Mr. Freshour is better now and Mrs. Freshour is back on the job.

MANTECA

The branch will be closed from July 16 to July 30th during which period a complete inventory and renovation of book stock will take place.

CHILDREN'S STORY HOURS

Students from Mrs. Natalie Edwin's class in story telling at the College of the Pacific will conduct story hours at El Dorado Branch and the Main Library during July.

TRACY

A special collection of religious books and Bible stories went to Tracy to be used in summer Bible School work.

VISITS TO HEADQUARTERS

We are always pleased to have you visit us. During the month Mrs. Krebs of Farmington, Mrs. Strong of Manteca, Mrs. Rice of Lafayette and Mrs. Barry of the State Hospital were in. Plan to drop in when you are in town. We would like you to see how we operate and to take you on our library tour through the Main Building.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner,
Librarian

YOUR GOVERNMENT'S BEST SELLERS

Your public library is a depository for state and federal publications—an impressive issue of books and pamphlets on a range of subjects running from acorns to zoology. Official studies and recommendations on the wide variety of things which are part of government today appear in these papers and a great many inquiries for information are answered by using them.

Just recently the government issued a list called "A New Catalog of Representative Government Best-Sellers." You will all receive copies of this catalog. If you want to see any of the publications noted you may borrow them from us.

Following is a list of some of the pamphlets included.

ATOMIC ENERGY HERE TO STAY

COMMUNISM IN ACTION

DICTIONARY OF SPOKEN SPANISH

FIREPLACES AND CHIMNEYS

HANDBOOK FOR BETTER FEEDING OF LIVESTOCK

HOME FREEZERS—THEIR SELECTION AND USE

MANUAL OF THE GRASSES OF THE UNITED STATES

MIXING FERTILIZERS ON THE FARM

POINTERS ON MAKING GOOD LAWNS

PROSPECTING FOR URANIUM

RATPROOFING BUILDINGS AND PREMISES

RECORD KEEPING FOR SMALL STORES

SAFETY FOR THE HOUSEHOLD

SELECTING HENS FOR EGG PRODUCTION

SLIP COVERS FOR FURNITURE

YOUR CHILD FROM ONE TO SIX

BOOK USE

COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS	June 1950	June 1951
Calla	772	621
Clements	97	79
Collegeville	119	64
Escalon	1,230	1,389
Farmington	87	114
Lafayette	170	125
Lathrop	230	151
Linden	249	273
Live Oak	311	338
Lockeford	176	185
Manteca	1,466	1,861
Nile Garden	130	185
Peters	49	13
Ripon	1,379	1,963
S. J. Company-School of Nursing	373	241
State Hospital	4,165	3,467
Thornton	119	103
Tracy	2,030	1,338
Vernalis	194	184
Woodbridge	317	368
CITY BRANCHES		
El Dorado	1,644	2,625
Fair Oaks	2,490	2,832

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NEWS-LETTER

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

No. 19 STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA August 1951

VISITS

We've been pounding the roadways of the county this past month, trying to see and talk with all of you. Some of you weren't home when we visited but we shall be back again.

Statistics tell us that this county has grown 49% in population in the past ten years. Our eyes tell us it must be so. The profile of the countryside is changing fast with houses where houses weren't a few months ago and new fields -- greener and richer looking -- where yellowed pastures burned before.

New houses mean new people and as we go about the county it occurs to us that these people should know about their library service. Have you discovered a way to let them know where you are located and what service you can offer them? If you have, let us know how you do it.

MANTECA

The branch, which was closed for two weeks, has been inventoried. It reopened July 30th with considerable changed book stock and a new plan of shelf arrangement.

RADIO HOUR

The library has been sponsoring a Sunday half hour program featuring recordings from its collection. Tune in to KGDM at 12:45 and listen. From a collection of 619 records over 4300 loans were made — 27% of them to people living outside of Stockton. Anyone who borrows books may borrow records but they can be loaned only from Market and Hunter Streets because of transportation hazards.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

When a book has been recalled twice from your branch and you know the request is not in the overdues or on the shelves or in circulation, please report at once that you do not have the book. Failure to report promptly slows up our request service to you and means delay in obtaining the title from another branch or source.

NEW STATE LIBRARIAN

Governor Warren has appointed Mrs. Carma R. Zimmerman as the new State Librarian. Mrs. Zimmerman is at present State Librarian of the State of Washington. Before that she served in various California libraries, most recently as county librarian in Orange and in San Bernardino counties. We are all looking forward to welcoming her to her new responsibilities in September.

BOOK USE

COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS	1949-50	1950-51
Calla	6,738	6,259
Clements	783	897
Collegeville	1,456	1,172
Escalon	14,167	15,840
Farmington	741	1,098
Greenwood	0	138
Lafayette	2,000	2,528
Lathrop	1,591	2,019
Linden	3,155	3,208
Live Oak	4,077	4,518
Lockeford	1,930	1,678
Manteca	19,266	22,034
Nile Garden	924	991
Peters	1,189	633
Ripon	29,126	31,962
S. J. County--School of Nursing	3,002	3,548
State Hospital	38,041	44,254
Thornton	1,749	1,389
Tracy	26,286	26,116
Vernalis	2,368	1,650
Woodbridge	3,430	3,860
CITY BRANCHES		
El Dorado	24,135	36,013
Fair Oaks	35,863	37,989

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner
Librarian

LIBRARY ACTIVITY - 1950-51

For your information the following facts have been lifted from the report of library activity for the past year:

Library users have access to a collection of 308,716 volumes, including valuable magazine, newspaper, and government publication files.

Almost 20,000 volumes were added during the year.

544,291 books were taken home by people.

344,000 of these were used by people living outside of Stockton.

63% of the total library use is by people living outside of Stockton.

Per capita appropriations for service are:

City of Stockton - - - - - - - -	$1.23
County of San Joaquin- - - - -	.65

The national standard for a minimum type of library service is $1.50 per capita for the area served.

In five years time (1946-1951) the branches at Tracy, Manteca, Ripon and Escalon have increased their use 44%.

Phonograph records may be borrowed by any library user but they can be loaned only from the Stockton Public Library location.

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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
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No. 20 STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA September 1951

NEW PLAN FOR SHIPMENTS

Since a more regular schedule of shipments will work to everyone's advantage, a trial plan will be inaugurated by the Extension Department in the final quarter of 1951. Assistants at several branches and stations have already expressed approval of this system of book shipments.

Under this plan each station and branch will have a definite date for pick-up of books on hand and delivery of the new book shipment--both on the same date. This pick-up and delivery service will be handled with the library's station wagon.

Advantages of the plan for the assistants are: (1) He will be relieved of the responsibility and bother of mailing, expressing, or personally delivering books, except occasional special requests; (2) he will not have his place crowded with two book collections at the same time; (3) he will not have to keep boxes in reserve for shipments; (4) he will have a definite date to give borrowers who wish to know when a "fresh" stock of books will be received.

Headquarters will share in the advantages for it allows a program of frequent and regular visits, more evenly distributes the work load and the shipments can be combined with the visits.

Once the plan starts each assistant will have a record of the date of delivery for each quarter. A reminder card will be sent about a week before each delivery. Occasionally due to holidays or unexpected circumstances a slight variation of date may be necessary, in which case the reminder card will make special mention of the fact.

Before definite dates and details are announced, Mr. Benson hopes to meet with each custodian in person to explain the details and evaluate the reactions to the plan.

EXHIBIT AT THE PETERS STATION

A special display of African arts and crafts was arranged for the Peters station by Mrs. Wilson, the branch assistant. Through the kindness of her son-in-law and daughter, The Rev. and Mrs. Richard Hightower, missionaries in Tanganyika territory of East Africa, curios and art objects of that area were on display in the station. In conjunction with the exhibit movies on the territory were shown on one evening.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

The Extension Department would appreciate your cooperation on the following points to speed the special requests through the department:

(1) Please return as soon as the request has been filled any book that has a TEMPORARY LOAN--DO NOT SHELVE! slip clipped to the book pocket.

(2) Give author's full name and title of book for all requests when possible and any information the borrower may have, such as publisher, date of publication, place of publication, and price.

(3) Do not keep a backlog of special requests. Send in the request the day the borrower makes it, do not hold to send with some possible future requests.

PUBLIC LIBRARY DAY

Thursday, October 4, has been designated by President Truman as "Public Library Day". This is to commemorate the founding of the American Library Association on that date in 1876 and the beginning of the program of public library service which is being so highly developed in the United States.

THE CALIFORNIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

The California Library Association will meet at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco beginning October 3 and continuing through the 6th. The conference theme is "Library service, an important business in the community." Miss Klausner and Mr. Benson will attend the County Librarians' meeting which has been called by the State Librarian for October 3. Other staff members will attend meetings pertaining to their work and interests.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Despite repeated requests several of the station assistants are late in sending in their statistics for the month. May we again request that they be sent in to arrive not later than the 5th of the month. There are reports which have to be made to other agencies only several days after this date which cannot be completed unless all figures are in. Please cooperate.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner,
Librarian

BOOK USE

COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS	AUGUST 1950	AUGUST 1951
Calla	445	446
Clements	88	72
Collegeville	95	81
Farmington	102	65
Greenwood*	0	0
Lafayette	352	120
Lathrop	195	151
Linden	307	251
Live Oak	344	326
Lockeford	143	163
Nile Garden	66	64
Peters	63	21
S.J.Gen.Hosp.-Sch. of Nursing	373	275
State Hospital	3,508	1,607
Thornton	133	97
Vernalis	148	132
Woodbridge	271	331
Escalon	1,056	1,470
Manteca	1,473	2,002
Ripon	1,140	1,654
Tracy	1,866	2,400
CITY BRANCHES		
El Dorado	1,903	2,647
Fair Oaks	2,318	2,520

*Closed for the summer

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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

No. 21 STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA October 1951

THE CALIFORNIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Miss Klausner and Mr. Benson attended the annual meeting of the County Librarians which was held on October 3, prior to the opening of the conference. This meeting was of special interest this year since it was the first presided over by the newly appointed State Librarian, Mrs. Carma Zimmerman.

Topics discussed included trends in California county libraries, salary schedules for library assistants, state aid to libraries, inter-library loans, library insurance and the evaluation of libraries by professional civic survey organizations. Mrs. Zimmerman described the library extension service workshop held this past summer at the University of Washington.

The perennial bogey of censorship again presented itself at the conference. This time it was disguised as "labelling" of subversive and immoral books, which could easily become a vicious circumscribing of many of the rights guaranteed in the Bill of Rights. Fortunately the California Library Association went on record as being against this form of censorship, and for the moment the issue is quiescent.

Miss Klausner was a member of two panel discussion meetings at the general conference. One dealt with the planning of libraries and the other with use of films by libraries. During the conference it was announced that Miss Klausner had been elected Vice President, President-elect of California Library Association. She will be president of the Association during 1953.

The attendance at the conference was the largest in the history of the association, about 1,000 librarians attended the meetings at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco. Miss Fowler, Mrs. Greaves, Miss Clark and Mr. Wright also attended the conference.

AT ESCALON

Mrs. Helen Dillingham, who spent the last four years in India, lent the Escalon Library for display her collection of art objects which she had collected there during her stay. On October 4 Mrs. Dillingham was present to explain the collection to the 350 guests.

To care for the continually increasing use of the Escalon Branch Library a new schedule of hours for public service went into effect on October 1. The branch is now open on:

Mondays 1:30-4:30, 6-8
Tuesdays 10-12, 1:30-4:30
Wednesday 1:30-4:30, 6-8
Thursday and Fridays 1:30-4:30

FILM SERVICE TO GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

In November the Library will receive its first quota of films as a member of the Northern California Film Circuit. These films, of general interest to adults will be available to organizations throughout the county. A detailed announcement of the film service and procedures for borrowing films will be issued later.

REGISTRATION AND REREGISTRATION

Please remember that the registration period is for three years only. A person still using the library or station at the end of his registration period is required to reregister. The old registration card may be used if the information on it is still valid--the address, telephone number, name and address of the reference--in which case the new expiration date is noted. A new library card is issued in all cases of reregistration. The count of reregistrations is included in the registration count sent in with your statistics each month. It is essential that we have an accurate record of registration since it is one of the few indications we have of how widely the library is being used.

It is necessary to check registrations periodically to make certain that addresses and telephone numbers are current in case we wish to let a person know that a book is overdue, that a reserved book is being held, or send the borrower an announcement of some kind. The three year registration period was set up to give us this check.

Registration files should be checked as time allows and all expired registrations withdrawn, unless the borrower has an unpaid fine of more than $1.00.

MONTHLY REPORTS

There are still several branches and stations which are late in sending in the monthly circulation reports. It is essential that these reports be sent in to the Extension Department before the fifth of each month. There are several reports which are required to be submitted by the Extension Department and the Director of Library Service within a day or two after that date. If your reports are late it means that our reports are delayed, and frankly, we're running out of excuses.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner,
Librarian

BOOK USE

COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS	SEPTEMBER 1951	SEPTEMBER 1950
Calla	444	445
Clements	80	88
Collegeville	86	95
Escalon	1,211	1,056
Farmington	52	102
Greenwood	114	0
Lafayette	194	352
Lathrop*	0	195
Linden	218	307
Live Oak	365	344
Lockeford	184	143
Manteca	1,821	1,473
Nile Garden	63	66
Peters	36	63
Ripon	2,369	1,140
S.J. Gen. Hosp-Sch. of Nursing	271	373
State Hospital	1,772	3,508
Thornton	100	133
Tracy	2,002	1,866
Vernalis	97	148
Woodbridge	305	271
CITY BRANCHES		
El Dorado	2,654	2,180
Fair Oaks	2,078	2,310

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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

No. 22 STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA November 1951

PERSONNEL

Miss Anne Bedinger has accepted an appointment as Supervising Children's Librarian and will report for work on November 19th. She is a graduate of the Carnegie Library School and has held positions in the Children's Departments of the Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh, Pa., and the Library Association of Portland, Oregon. For the past few years she has been head of Work with Children and Schools of the Umatilla County (Oregon) Library.

Mrs. Edna Kelly, who has been on leave, has returned and has been assigned to the Catalog Department.

Mrs. Jeanette Barry, librarian at the Stockton State Hospital, has transferred to the California State Library where she will be Head of the Circulation Department.

Miss Yvonne Joyce Diggs has been appointed part-time page at the Ripon Library, and Miss Anna Mae Krajer has accepted a similar position at the Manteca Library. Both of these positions were established to help care for the increasing work load at these agencies.

BOOK LISTS

There are still copies of the following recent book lists available which may be requested through the Extension Department.

INFORMATION SOURCES FOR BUSINESS MEN
PLANNING AND REORGANIZING FOR BUSINESS MEN
ADVERTISING
SELLING
16mm INFORMATIONAL & EDUCATIONAL FILM
MARKETING
THE OPERA
THEATRE BOOKS
JEWISH LITERATURE
HORSES

RIPON LIBRARY

The Ripon Library has an increased schedule of hours of opening to help care for the mounting use of the branch. The schedule is as follows:

Monday	2-5 6:30-8:30 P.M.	Thursday	2-5 P.M.
Tuesday	9:30-12 A.M. 2-5 P.M.	Friday	2-5 P.M.
Wednesday	2-5 6:30-8:30 P.M.	Saturday	Closed

A total of thirteen classes from both public and parochial schools now visit the Ripon Library on a regular weekly schedule.

STATIONS

The new plan of direct exchange of shipments from the Station Wagon and the discontinuance of invoice cards has had favorable reaction so far and probably will become a permanent policy. Assistants at stations are still welcome to come to headquarters at any time for visits or to make special selections.

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NEW HORIZONS WITH BOOKS —— This is the theme for November 12-17, 1951, Children's Book Week. Listed below are a few of the new children's books available in all Branches. Stations may request them from the Extension Department.

Lower Grades

Amiot - BIJOU, THE LITTLE BEAR. Coward-McCann.
An enchanting carnival story from the original French.

Gilbert - DR. TROTTER AND HIS BIG GOLD WATCH. Abingdon-Cokesbury.
Humorous story of the family doctor and Tommy's broken ankle.

Learnard - FUNNY BUNNY. Simon & Schuster.
Gay colored pictures of the bunny and how he got his tail.

Steiner - BIG LAUGHING BOOK. Grosset.
Fun book of games, riddles, stories, poems, and rhymes.

Tensen - COME TO THE ZOO. Reilly & Lee.
Designed for the beginning reader. Large photographs.

Middle Grades

Freeman - CHUGGY AND THE BLUE CABOOSE. Viking.
A little old fashioned engine makes friends with Lucy, the blue caboose, and they join a happy circus train.

Godden - MOUSEWIFE. Viking.
The mouse cages a dove and finally frees him. Adapted from a story written by Dorothy Wordsworth for her brother William.

Goodenow - COW CONCERT. Knopf.
Marie-Louise, a little Swiss girl, takes her cows to a bell ringing contest. Story and illustrations any child would enjoy.

McCloskey - CENTERBURG TALES. Viking.
Another episode in Homer Price's humorous adventures.

Upper Grades

Angelo - MARBLE FOUNTAIN. Viking.
Inspirational story of two brothers, orphaned by the war in Italy, and their part in restoring the statue atop the village fountain.

Bauer - CALIFORNIA MISSION DAYS. Doubleday.
Founding and history of California's twenty-one missions.

Gard - MIDNIGHT. Duell, Sloan and Pearce.
About a real horse and a real rodeo champion.

BOOK USE

COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS	OCTOBER 1951	OCTOBER 1950
Calla	419	379
Clements	54	71
Collegeville	64	115
Escalon	2,003	1,248
Farmington	70	139
Greenwood	99	0
Lafayette	186	242
Lathrop	26	223
Linden	207	282
Live Oak	370	379
Lockeford	201	220
Manteca	2,250	1,801
Nile Garden	63	75
Peters	41	103
Ripon	3,652	2,947
S.J. Gen.Hosp-Sch. of Nursing	271	252
State Hospital	3,521	3,757
Thornton	115	118
Tracy	2,310	1,898
Vernalis	86	101
Woodbridge	336	294
CITY BRANCHES		
El Dorado	4,341	3,024
Fair Oaks	3,643	2,811

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

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Director of Library Service

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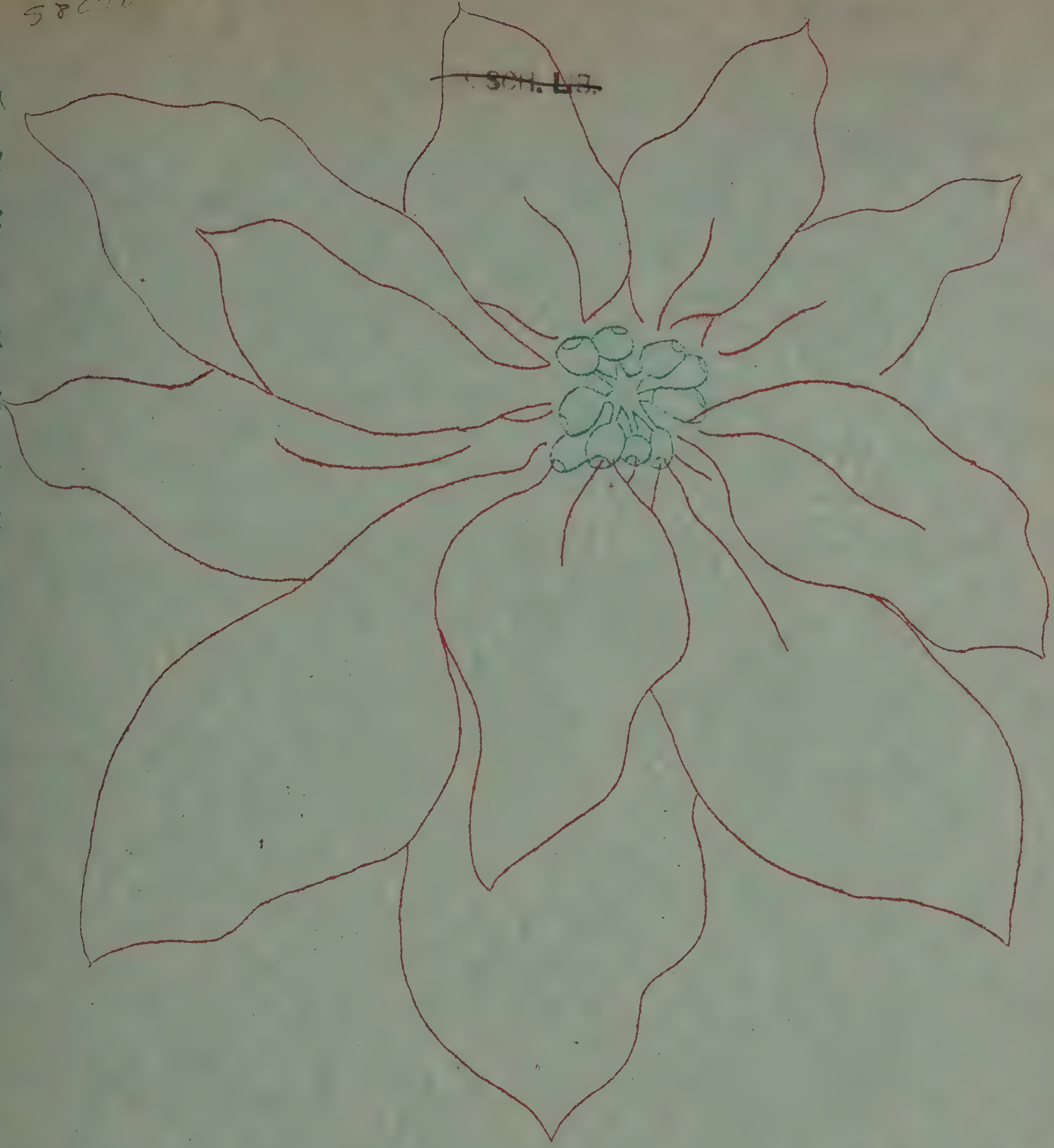

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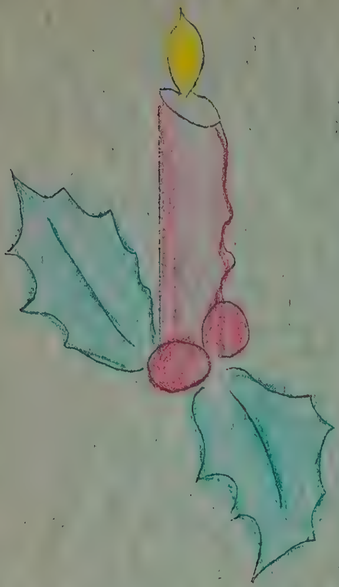

Soon, over half the earth,
In every temple crowds shall kneel again
To celebrate His birth
Who brought the message of good-will to men,
And bursts of joyous song
Shall shake the roof above the prostrate throng.

Oh, when the day shall break
O'er realms unlearned in warfare's cruel arts,
And all their millions wake
To peaceful tasks performed with loving hearts,
On such a blessed morn,
Well may the nations say that Christ is born.

William Cullen Bryant

LIBRARY HOLIDAYS, 1952

All library agencies will be closed on the following days during 1952:

Tuesday, January 1	New Year's Day
Tuesday, February 12	Lincoln's Birthday
Friday, February 22	Washington's Birthday
Friday, May 30	Memorial Day
Tuesday, June 3	State Primary Election
Friday, July 4	Independence Day
Monday, September 1	Labor Day
Tuesday, September 9	Admission Day
Tuesday, November 4	State and National Election
Tuesday, November 11	Armistice Day
Thursday, November 27	Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, December 25	Christmas Day

Please make notations on your calendars so no books will be due on those dates.

CHRISTMAS MAIL RUSH

To facilitate movement of the Christmas mail rush, please avoid sending other than first class mail during the period December 15-25 unless a book is specially requested.

NOVEMBER REPORTS

The statistical reports for November will be carried in the next News-letter.

NEWS-LETTER

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

No. 23 STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA December 1951

REQUESTS FOR TITLES

Please send all requests for a title to headquarters. If you should happen to have several requests for a title such as The Caine Mutiny, please send a copy of each request to the Extension Department. If you do this we will realize that when the book is sent to you on temporary loan there are several people waiting to read it and we should not expect it to be returned within a week or two.

When a book is sent as a temporary loan it must be returned to headquarters immediately after the borrower returns it to the branch unless special instructions state otherwise.

LIBRARY WEEK

The Library has begun plans for the celebration of Library Week (March 10-15, 1952). This cooperative effort, begun several years ago by the Fresno County Library, has spread throughout the valley counties and will be observed this year throughout the entire state of California.

The primary purpose of the "week" is to publicize the resources and services of the public library. The slogan for the 1952 week is SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. Posters will be available and special displays will be planned. We hope to be able to arrange for full coverage in the celebration by use of radio time, newspaper publicity, work with schools and organizations. Further details will be given in future issues of the NEWS-LETTER. Please note these dates on your 1952 calendar.

CORPORAL ARTHUR FRESHOUR

Arthur Freshour, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Freshour of Ripon, was killed in combat in Korea on November 7th. We of the staff wish to express our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Freshour and her family.

Best wishes for 1952.

Margaret Klausner	Director of Library Service
Joe N. Benson	Supervising Extension Librarian
Sereta M. Lacy	Extension Department
Marion Jesse	Extension Department
Annabelle Lee	Extension Department

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No. 24 STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA January 1952

MOBILE LIBRARY BRANCH

It is now official! The County of San Joaquin and the City of Stockton have both authorized funds for the construction, maintenance and staffing of a mobile branch library. Specifications are now being worked on and bids will be asked for within a short time.

The bookmobile will serve only the outlying areas of the city of Stockton and the heavily populated areas immediately adjacent to the city. It is not expected that this unit will be used beyond a five mile radius of the Main Library. Selection of routes and stops is now under way and it is hoped that the library will be able to serve a large number of suburban dwellers who now find it difficult or impossible to use the Main Library or the city branches.

The mobile branch will carry about 1,800 volumes of all kinds, adult fiction and non-fiction, books for the teen-ager, children's books of all types for all age groups. It will have a professionally trained librarian on duty at all stops to help the library user in selection of books.

Every effort is being made to speed the introduction of the service and it is hoped that we will be able to begin using this addition to our branch system during the summer.

ADDITIONAL HOURS AT TRACY

To care for the increased public use of the Tracy Branch Library, the hours have been increased. The branch is now open 12-5, 7-9 Monday through Friday, and remains closed on Saturday.

NEW STATIONS SIGNS

Large, colorful signs identifying the library area have been installed in stations at the stores in Peters, Lathrop, Lockeford, Collegeville, Vernalis, and Live Oak.

NEW LIBRARY ASSISTANT AT TRACY

Mrs. Jeanette Baird DeVault has been appointed Branch Library Assistant at Tracy. Mrs. DeVault is a graduate of Monmouth College and has a Master of Arts degree from Northwestern University and has done advanced work at the University of Chicago. She has taught school in the Mid-West, worked as a research assistant for the Encyclopedia Britannica and was employed for a time by the library of the Chicago College of Optometry. Mrs. Mildred Dello, who has done such an excellent job at Tracy for the past few years, will continue in a part-time capacity at the library.

LIBRARY WEEK, MARCH 10-15

The plans for the celebration of Library Week in March, are being worked on. Though our part in this state-wide event will be limited this year we expect to make a good, though modest, beginning and hope that next year we will be able to give the "week" all the attention it deserves. Details of this year's plans will be listed in the February Newsletter.

1951: A RETROSPECT ON READING

1951 was for most library agencies a year of increased use by city and county residents. The four county branches, the Main Library and one city branch showed exceptional increases. Generally the library stations showed decreases.

Fiction was as in the past the most widely read classification, and within this category detective and mystery stories were far ahead of all other types. Western stories were not as generally read as in the past, though in some sections of the county their use continues to be heavy. The light and sweet love story seems headed for oblivion in San Joaquin County with the frank discussions of life and love, supplanting it. Science fiction is increasingly popular, though not as overwhelmingly so as the aficionados would have us believe.

In non-fiction the use of religious books have almost doubled, though strangely the past year saw a switch from the devotional, inspirational books to theological studies of dogma. As in the past the useful and fine arts continue to be the most popular fields and the use of travel and biography was exceptionally heavy. There was a marked drop in the interest in California history by the general reader, due perhaps to the end of the publicity of the Centennial years.

Sincerely,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner,
Director of Library Service

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS AT BRANCHES AND STATIONS, 1951

COUNTY BRANCHES	1950	1951
Escalon	15,443	18,284
Manteca	19,283	23,474
Ripon	28,878	35,182
Tracy	24,919	28,931
COUNTY STATIONS		
Calla	6,973	6,318
Clements	855	889
Collegeville	1,482	967
Farmington	1,118	934
Greenwood		507
Lafayette	2,599	2,180
Lathrop	2,280	1,205
Linden	3,146	2,886
Live Oak	3,935	4,423
Lockeford	2,008	1,807
Nile Garden	938	938
Peters	981	377
S.J. County School of Nursing	3,532	3,436
State Hospital	43,377	37,674
Thornton	1,522	1,283
Vernalis	1,950	1,711
Woodbridge	3,533	3,724
CITY BRANCHES		
El Dorado	27,101	42,315
Fair Oaks	37,480	36,539

NEWS-LETTER

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

No. 27 STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA April 1952

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Lois Keys, Junior Librarian at the Fair Oaks Branch, has returned to work after spending six weeks at home with a broken right arm.

Mrs. Robert Nichols in charge of the Thornton station has asked that she be relieved of the station sometime this summer. Mrs. Nichols has had the station for 32 years and we wish to thank her for her long and loyal service to the county library. No new site for the station has been selected at this time.

Marion Jesse of the headquarters staff is taking another trip to Europe, this time she is concentrating on Italy and France.

U.S.A. CONFIDENTIAL

Reserves for U. S. A. Confidential by Mortimer and Lait should be cancelled. After careful reading and serious consideration by several members of the headquarters staff, it was decided that it would not be added to the library's collections. It is against the library policy to buy books which are obviously written to trade on a taste for sensationalism, or strongly opinionated books when written in a violent, sensational and inflammatory manner. This book is such, filled with vicious, unsubstantiated accusations of the vilest kind.

CIRCULATION INCREASES

It is encouraging to note that the two city and four county branches, as well as the main library, are continuing the large increases in circulation which began in late fall. The station branches in some of the larger communities have also begun to show encouraging increases, though in some of the smaller centers the use continues to wane.

BOOKMOBILE CARTOON

All constant readers of the Stockton Record will remember the excellent coverage given the placing of the bookmobile contract, and especially the charming Ralph Yardley cartoon on the editorial page of the March 26 issue. The original of the cartoon and the plate have been presented to the library by the Stockton Record for the library to use as it wishes.

Incidentally, the contract for the bookmobile was awarded to the Gerstenslager Company, and we hope to have delivery within 120 days after construction starts. Service in the Stockton suburban area will begin in late summer or early fall.

NOTABLE BOOKS, 1951

The American Library Association has issued its list of notable books published during 1951. Most of them are in the library's collection and are available on request. The titles available are:

Aldridge, John W. - AFTER THE LOST GENERATION
Asch, Scholem - MOSES
Ashley-Montagu, Montague F. - STATEMENT ON RACE
Auden, W. H. - NONES
Barth, Alan - LOYALTY OF FREE MEN
Berger, Meyer - STORY OF THE NEW YORK TIMES
Bradley, Omar - A SOLDIER'S STORY
Carson, Rachel L. - THE SEA AROUND US
Churchill, Winston S. - CLOSING THE RING
Commager, Henry S., ed. - LIVING IDEAS IN AMERICA
Conant, James B. - SCIENCE AND COMMON SENSE
Costain, Thomas B. - THE MAGNIFICENT CENTURY
Davidson, Marshall B. - LIFE IN AMERICA
Douglas, William O. - STRANGE LANDS AND FRIENDLY PEOPLE
Forrestal, James V. - THE FORRESTAL DIARIES
Freeman, Douglas S. - GEORGE WASHINGTON: v.3 Planter and Patriot
v.4 Leader of the Revolution
Hoover, Herbert - MEMOIRS OF HERBERT HOOVER: YEARS OF ADVENTURE 1874-1920
Hulburd, David - THIS HAPPENED IN PASADENA
THE INTERPRETER'S BIBLE, v.7
Johnson, Gerald W. - THIS AMERICAN PEOPLE
Kefauver, Estes - CRIME IN AMERICA
Kennan, George F. - AMERICAN DIPLOMACY, 1900-1950
Lagerkvist, Par - BARABBAS
Life Magazine - LIFE'S PICTURE HISTORY OF WESTERN MAN
Lorant, Stefan - THE PRESIDENCY; A PICTORIAL HISTORY OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS
Malone, Dumas - JEFFERSON AND THE RIGHTS OF MAN
Mann, Thomas - HOLY SINNER
Marek, Kurt - GODS, GRAVES AND SCHOLARS
Michener, James A. - VOICE OF ASIA
Mizener, Arthur E. - THE FAR SIDE OF PARADISE
Monsarrat, Nicholas - THE CRUEL SEA
Mumford, Lewis - THE CONDUCT OF LIFE
Robb, David M. - THE HARPER HISTORY OF PAINTING
Salinger, J. D. - CATCHER IN THE RYE
Santayana, George - DOMINATIONS AND POWERS
Teale, Edwin W. - NORTH WITH THE SPRING
Trueblood, David E. - THE LIFE WE PRIZE
Van der Post, Laurens - VENTURE TO THE INTERIOR
Ward, Barbara - POLICY FOR THE WEST
Waters, Ethel - HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW
Welles, Sumner - SEVEN DECISIONS THAT SHAPED HISTORY
Williams, William Carlos - AUTOBIOGRAPHY
Wilson, Donald P. - MY SIX CONVICTS
Woodham-Smith, Cecil - FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE
Wouk, Herman - THE CAINE MUTINY

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner,
Director of Library Service

BOOK USE

COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS	March 1951	March 1952
Calla	671	506
Clements	90	154
Collegeville	112	91
Escalon	1,642	2,503
Farmington	87	80
Greenwood		90
Lafayette	244	150
Lathrop	130	216
Linden	272	338
Live Oak	470	417
Lockeford	59	139
Manteca	2,242	2,222
Nile Garden	99	64
Peters	52	81
Ripon	3,286	3,967
San Joaquin Hospital School of Nursing	410	303
State Hospital	3,808	3,172
Thornton	127	112
Tracy	2,744	3,701
Vernalis	193	146
Woodbridge	298	397
CITY BRANCHES		
Fair Oaks	3,114	3,287
El Dorado	3,295	4,155

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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

No. 28 STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA May 1952

CALIFORNIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION DISTRICT MEETING

The Golden Empire District of the California Library Association will hold its annual meeting in Auburn on Saturday, May 17.

There is a business meeting beginning at 10:30, followed by a lunch at which William and Irene Paden, California authors will speak. In the afternoon there will be a demonstration Great Books discussion and a meeting on public relations.

All staff members interested in attending this meeting should notify the office or Mr. Benson so transportation from Stockton to Auburn may be arranged. The registration fee is 25¢ and the lunch will cost $1.50.

PULITZER PRIZE WINNERS

The Pulitzer Prize winners for literary works have been announced.

Novel: Herman Wouk's The Caine Mutiny
History: Oscar Handlin's The Uprooted
Poetry: Marianne Moore's Collected Poems

All of the above books are in the library's collection and are available through the Extension Department. The drama award went to Joseph Kramm for his play The Shrike. As soon as the play is published in book form it will be ordered.

The biography award was given to Merlo Pusey for his two volume life of Charles Evans Hughes. Since the library has a large amount of material on Mr. Hughes in its collection this book is not being ordered at present. However, if any borrower requests it, we will borrow it from the State Library.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Big plans are being made for the children's summer reading program. Miss Bedinger is setting up the program at present for the Main Library and the city branches. There is a possibility that the project will be extended to some county points this summer. The agencies in which the program will be followed will be given detailed instructions and all necessary materials by Miss Bedinger and Mr. Benson.

MAGAZINE CIRCULATION

Be sure to include the circulation of magazines in your circulation count. Some agencies which have several magazine subscriptions show no use of the magazines. If the magazines are not being used, put them in a location where they will be readily available and noticeable.

Sincerely yours,
Margaret Klausner
Margaret Klausner,
Director of Library Service

BOOK USE

COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS	April 1951	April 1952
Calla		498
Clements	59	176
Collegeville	74	87
Escalon	1,453	2,153
Farmington	57	79
Greenwood	44	50
Lafayette	260	213
Lathrop	115	125
Linden	280	310
Live Oak	431	399
Lockeford	71	131
Manteca	1,876	2,190
Nile Garden	65	169
Peters	50	81
Ripon	3,924	3,400
San Joaquin Hospital-School of Nursing	410	303
State Hospital	4,006	1,864
Thornton	109	102
Tracy	2,480	3,412
Vernalis	136	158
Woodbridge	385	422
CITY BRANCHES		
El Dorado	3,336	4,273
Fair Oaks	3,675	3,544

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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

No. 29 STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA June 1952

TRACY BRANCH

A street sign indicating the library location has been installed at Tracy, thanks to the local Soroptomist Club which designed and presented it to the city.

In cooperation with the Recreation Department, the Tracy Library will promote a summer reading program for children. Mrs. Joe Wilson of Tracy will tell stories on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and the library will be open from 10 a.m. until noon from June 14 until the beginning of the new school year to accommodate children of the area.

SUMMER SERVICE AT ELKHORN

Elkhorn Station will operate again this year--this time in the home of Mrs. Lucian Neely of Route 2, Box 184, Stockton. This is on Alpha Avenue just beyond the Five Mile House. A summer reading club for children will be promoted here.

COUNTY BRANCH VACATIONS

At Escalon the branch will be closed from July 21 to August 4.

Ripon will not close during the summer.

Manteca will be closed from June 30 to July 14.

Tracy will not close during the summer.

BOOKMOBILE ROUTES

Miss Klausner and Mr. Benson have begun the study of bookmobile routes and stops for the metropolitan area of Stockton. No definite decisions have as yet been made since the preliminary work is not yet completed. It is expected that the stops will have been chosen and the schedule set well in advance of the arrival of the bookmobile in the late summer.

FILM CIRCUIT

The library film circuit service is being used widely. During the past month 2,639 people viewed films from the collection. Be sure to remember that anyone who wishes to borrow 16 mm. educational film for club or group use can arrange to do so through the Reference Department of the Market and Hunter Street library. Inquiries regarding the service and reservation for film use must be made here. Following are the films available for the period from June 16 to July 28.

CIRCUS ANIMALS. 11 min. color.
Fascinating film demonstrating feeding and watering of elephants, camels, horses; use of elephants in unloading; clowns, dogs and trained seals.

THE COWBOY. 10 min. color.

Features Montie Montana, the well known rodeo player, who explains the dress of the cowboy, his handling of horses, roping, etc.

GARDENS OF ENGLAND. 10 min. color.

Many types of gardens, each one a proof of its owner's skill and patience: formal estates, cottages, small strips in front of suburban homes.

PACIFIC ISLAND. 18 min. color.

Documents the life of the people of a typical coral island in the Pacific, Likiep.

STEPS OF THE BALLET. 23 min. b&w.

Sadler's Wells Ballet with the London Philharmonic Orchestra perform an original score by Arthur Benjamin, demonstrating the art of the ballet as it combines choreography, musical composition, scenery, costumes and staging.

BIRDS OF THE COUNTRYSIDE. 10 min. color.

Describes the killdeer, nighthawk, meadow lark, and indigo bunting; habits, nests, how they protect themselves from natural enemies.

6000 PARTNERS. 20 min. color.

Shows the contribution of the products and services of 6000 supply firms which produce the materials and parts necessary for the production of the Ford Automobile.

FILMS MUST BE SCHEDULED FOR USE

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner,
Director of Library Service

BOOK USE

COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS	May 1951	May 1952
Calla	428	534
Clements	79	138
Collegeville	71	112
Escalon	1,381	1,920
Farmington	41	76
Greenwood	103	52
Layfayette	194	243
Lathrop	194	96
Linden	303	334
Live Oak	408	401
Lockeford	136	154
Manteca	1,843	2,137
Nile Garden	71	58
Peters	49	101
Ripon	3,606	2,975
San Joaquin Hospital-Sch. of Nursing	241	308
State Hospital	3,682	1,778
Thornton	106	82
Tracy	2,437	2,985
Vernalis	118	116
Woodbridge	517	381
CITY BRANCHES		
El Dorado	6,139	4,597
Fair Oaks	3,493	3,689

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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

No. 30 STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA July 1952

COUNTY SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICE

On July 1 the county school library service was discontinued by the Public Library of Stockton and San Joaquin County. From this date forward all service directly to county elementary schools will be handled by the County Superintendent of Schools.

Started in 1921, the school service has had a long and busy career under county library supervision. By 1952 the book collection had grown to 69,931 volumes, and service was extended to 64 school districts, reaching some 9,000 children.

Mrs. Amy Greaves, school department head, is still with the school service --as is her staff. We wish her and the service a healthy, happy future. We know it will continue to be a busy one.

THORNTON BRANCH

After 30 years of loyal and cooperative service as branch assistant at Thornton, Mrs. Robert Nichols has resigned her position. Such records of continued devotion to civic activity as that acquired by Mrs. Nichols in her years of service are not common in any community. We hope she enjoys the leisure activity which is ahead for her.

The Thornton Improvement Club and the Thornton Growers' Housing Association have cooperated to place the library in new enlarged quarters. Service to the community will be resumed as soon as the new space in the headquarters building of the Growers' Housing Association is renovated and furnished. The room is being painted and shelves are being built. When the library is reopened it will be with a much larger book collection, branch status with regular hours and a branch assistant in charge. The branch assistant will be named later.

STAFF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

The officers of the newly formed staff association are: Frank Jones; president; Edna Fowler, vice-president; Jean Sandberg, secretary; Yvonne Lorea, treasurer. Delegates at large (who with the officers make up the Executive Board) are: Joe Benson, Mel Turner, Winifred Matthews.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The first coordinated summer reading program for children in many years is apparently a success. In addition to the Main Library and the two city branches, it was extended to two county points--Tracy and Elkhorn--on an experimental basis. Fair Oaks branch leads in registration with more than 170 signed up, followed by the Main Library with more than 150, Tracy with more than 100, El Dorado Branch with more than 50, and Elkhorn station with about 25.

	Books taken home 1948-49	Books taken home 1951-52	% increase over 1949
Escalon	12,545	22,822	82%
Manteca	19,065	24,823	30%
Ripon	18,455	35,136	90%
Tracy	24,606	33,940	38%

At Tracy and Manteca proper library development is hindered and limited by the quarters which the library occupies. This is a problem which the local authorities must solve since our service does not provide capital improvements such as buildings.

At the Stockton Public Library itself 31% of the use of books was by people living outside of the city.

Total use of books in the combined city-county system was over 604,000 volumes for the year, an 11% increase over 1950-1951.

Our policy in developing library service in the county area has been to concentrate where the greatest population groups were settled and to better facilities and services in these areas since the county allocation for the library has not been sufficient to warrant a wider spread. The success of this approach is evident from the results at Tracy, Manteca, Ripon and Escalon. The county's support for library service is still so far below a standard for basic service that it is not possible to extend services too widely.

I should like to submit the following program for your consideration as a pattern for improved library service during the next seven years:

We should try to attain a minimum standard of service for rural as well as urban populations.

Trained personnel to work with children in county rural and urban areas.

Mobile service to the rural sections of the county.

Better book collections and service at branch centers when such centers are developed. (In incorporated areas it is the responsibility of the city to provide the quarters and equipment needed locally).

Adequate book collections for use with children and young people."

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner,
Director of Library Service

BOOK USE

COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS	1950-51	1951-52
Calla	6,259	6,015
Clements	897	1,290
Collegeville	1,172	1,045
Escalon	15,840	22,822
Farmington	1,098	857
Greenwood	138	777
Lafayette	2,528	2,092
Lathrop	2,019	1,337
Linden	3,208	3,128
Live Oak	4,518	4,243
Lockeford	1,678	2,094
Manteca	22,034	24,823
Nile Garden	991	735
Peters	633	606
Ripon	31,962	35,136
S.J.County-School of Nursing	3,548	3,158
State Hospital	44,254	29,600
Thornton	1,389	1,251
Tracy	26,116	33,940
Vernalis	1,650	1,560
Woodbridge	3,860	3,685
Elkhorn		220
CITY BRANCHES		
El Dorado	36,013	45,590
Fair Oaks	37,989	38,188

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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

No. 32 STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA September 1952

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The theme of circuses and clowns of the summer reading program proved to be a gay inducement to boys and girls in several of the branches. Originated by Miss Ann Bedinger, the Supervising Children's Librarian, the plan was put into effect at the Main Library, Fair Oaks, El Dorado, Tracy and Elkhorn branches. Circulation figures and parents heartily endorsed the idea and it is hoped that such a program can be extended to other areas in the county next summer.

In the branches alone 600 boys and girls were registered in the reading club. Over 200 received certificates for reading 10 or more books, while one little boy actually read 60 books. Fair Oaks had 229 registered, Tracy 113, El Dorado 113, and Elkhorn 20. Story hours were held regularly at Fair Oaks and in the Stockton parks by Miss Bedinger, while at Tracy the stories were told by Mrs. Joe Wilson. With the cooperation of the Stockton and Tracy recreation departments, two parties were held at the end of the program. More than 70 children from the Stockton Main Library, Fair Oaks and El Dorado branches enjoyed watermelon and swimming at the Oak Park pool. In Tracy 97 were on hand for movies and refreshments.

REQUESTS

Again we ask that branch assistants send each request for a book on a separate request form. Do not send lists of books or use scraps of paper. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH REQUEST BLANKS ON HAND PLEASE SEND FOR MORE. Do not send in more than five requests for one person at one time unless there is an urgent need.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Isabel Benson has joined the staff of the Extension Department as a Junior Librarian and will have charge of the bookmobile when it is put in operation. She is a graduate of Carthage College and recently received her master's degree in library science at the Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, She has had several years of previous experience in library work at the Fort Wayne, Indiana, Public Library.

Mr. Mel Turner has been transferred to the Extension Department as Driver-clerk for the bookmobile. He was formerly shipping clerk for the library.

Miss Marion Jesse has resigned as Senior Clerk in the Extension Department to accept an appointment as teacher with the San Joaquin County Schools. No replacement has been named as yet.

VERNALIS

The library station in Vernalis has been closed after 39 years of library service in that area. Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Schaeffer who have had the station in their store since 1935 have retired, leaving us without a place in which to keep a collection of books. Efforts are being made to find another location in the Vernalis area.

PETERS

Mrs. Crystal Wilson has sold her store in Peters. The station at Peters is being retained in the Peters Market under the supervision of Mrs. Peggy Perondi. Mrs. Wilson had charge of the station beginning in January 1951.

VACATIONS

Reports are still coming in on vacations. Mrs. Lois Keys of the Fair Oaks Branch spent hers in Santa Cruz and Carmel, Marion Woods enjoyed the ccolness of San Francisco and Santa Cruz, and Annabelle Lee is still enjoying the last days of her vacation in San Francisco.

TIMELY BOOKS

Books recently received by the Extension Department that you can well recommend to your library readers include:

Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois (Busch) and This is Ike; picture story of the man (Hicks). Two timely books on the life and background of our two major presidential candidates.

Old Man and the Sea. (Hemingway). Said to be the author's best book in ten years. We have this novel in book form or your borrowers can read it in your copy of Life for September 1, 1952. A great story by a great author and fisherman, it tells of an old man's epic struggle when a marlin strikes his bait a hundred fathoms below the boat and he is "fast to the biggest fish he had ever seen...".

Trial by Terror (Gallico). Behind the iron curtain of Austria in 1950 a brash young American reporter is captured and Russian psychiatrists use the latest techniques of psychoanalysis in reverse to make him confess to syping. There's a love tangle and plenty of action involved as well.

The Devil's Advocate. (T. Caldwell) A dramatic presentation of America in the not so distant future. Minute men of 1970 work secretly to overthrow the awful tyrany of a dictatorship that rules the country.

Journey with Strangers (Hutchinson). The dramatic struggle for survival of the aristocratic Kolbeck army officers in Poland under two conquerers, the Nazis and the Soviets.

The Alexandrians (Mills). A distinguished novel of life in a little Georgia town as the action flows through a hundred years from 1839 to 1939.

Sleeping Sword (Frye). A stirring story of one of the most celebrated romances in history - that of the great British naval hero, Admiral Horatio Nelson and the beautiful Lady Hamilton.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner,
Director of Library Service

BOOK USE

COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS	August 1951	August 1952
Calla	446	683
Clements	72	146
Collegeville	81	112
Escalon	1,470	1,204
Farmington	65	141
Greenwood[x]	0	0
Lafayette	120	144
Lathrop	151	132
Linden	251	325
Live Oak	326	366
Lockeford	163	136
Manteca	2,002	2,350
Nile Garden	64	66
Peters	21	94
Ripon	1,654	1,442
S. J. Co.-School of Nursing	275	32
State Hospital	1,607	3,057
Thornton	97	145
Tracy	2,400	2,746
Vernalis	132	60
Woodbridge	331	220
Elkhorn	0	206
CITY BRANCHES		
Fair Oaks	2,520	2,647
El Dorado	2,647	3,290

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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

No. 33 STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA October 1952

BOOKMOBILE

HERE COMES THE BOOKMOBILE!

The huge blue and yellow vehicle standing in the library parking lot is the bookmobile, and God willing it won't be standing there much longer, but will be making daily trips to the outer fringes of Stockton. It is planned to put the bookmobile into operation on October 27.

Mel Turner will be the driver for the new mobile branch, and the librarian aboard will be Isabel Benson.

The bookmobile was financed by contributions from both the city and county governments and is intended to care for the demand for library service in the heavily populated areas in the city of Stockton and the increasingly densely populated areas just outside the city limits. Since it is impractical at this time to establish branch libraries in these areas, the best solution is a mobile branch library which can be used until the character of the fringe areas becomes stabilized, and definite plans for branch service can be made.

It is planned that the bookmobile will serve both schools and community centers, with alternate weeks devoted to the two types of service. The books available for children will be largely recreational in character, and no attempt will be made to furnish curriculum materials. We feel that since it is difficult for the library to reach many of the children in Stockton from existing library agencies, that this is perhaps the best solution to the problem of bringing children good books.

For the community stops all types of books will be carried, adult, teen-age, children's books, and a trained librarian will be present at all times to give reader's advisory service.

Schedules for the bookmobile are enclosed and additional copies can be obtained from the Extension Department.

LIBRARY BUILDING PLANS

The Stockton City Council has approved the preliminary plans for the new main library building, and has authorized the architects to proceed with the working drawings. The library is a part of the city's official public works program and is scheduled for construction within a few years. No funds have been officially authorized, but the City Council has set the cost of the building at $1,465,000.00 which is to come out of the public works funds.

THE CLA CONFERENCE

The 54th annual conference of the California Library Association will be held in Pasadena October 22-25. Miss Klausner and Joe Benson will attend the County Librarian's meeting wiich is held prior to the conference, and will be joined later in the week by Patricia Clark, Anne Bedinger and James Koping of the Main Library staff. Miss Clark is a member of the association's Documents Committee and Mr. Koping belongs to the Library Standards Committee.

1953 BUDGET

The 1953 budget for library service in Stockton and San Joaquin County has been submitted to the City Manager. Preliminary budget hearings are now being held. The budget as presented does not ask for any increase beyond that needed to continue the present level of services.

PROGRAM PLANNING MANUAL

Pat Clark's article in the California Librarian on the program planning institute has intensified the out of county demand for the pamphlet Program planning: a manual of resources. There are still copies of this available, and if there are organizations or individuals in your community who could use copies we will be glad to send them to you.

PERSONNEL NOTES

MARGARET REID has taken a leave of absence because of serious illness in her family.. ANNE BEDINGER is chairman of the book review section of the Northern California Association of Children's Librarians...SERETA LACY is taking the ideal vacation spending most of it sleeping and in her few waking moments taking off for San Francisco...ANNABEL LEE has replaced Marion Jesse as Senior Clerk in the Extension Department on a provisional appointment...MARION WOOD has accepted a provisional appointment for the Junior Typist Clerk position formerly held by Miss Lee...CECILE RITTER, former Extension Librarian, was in Stockton for a few days before flying to Tokio to meet EUNICE MCPHERSON formerly of our staff who has been with the Army special services in Japan. Mrs. Ritter and Miss McPherson will spend the next several months touring the Orient and Australia and in Sidney will visit with THELMA PASSO former Supervising Reference Librarian on the SPL staff.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner,
Director of Library Service

BOOK USE

COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS	SEPTEMBER 1952	SEPTEMBER 1951
Calla	405	444
Clements	128	80
Collegeville	66	86
Elkhorn xx	0	
Escalon	1,028	1,211
Farmington	99	52
Greenwood	55	114
Lafayette	274	194
Lathrop	201	0
Linden	310	218
Live Oak	444	365
Lockeford	218	184
Manteca	1,983	1,821
Nile Garden	89	63
Peters	229	36
Ripon	2,368	2,369
S.J. Gen. Hospital-School of Nursing	35	271
State Hospital	3,790	1,772
Thornton	209	100
Tracy	2,475	2,002
Vernalis x	0	97
Woodbridge	338	305
CITY BRANCHES		
Fair Oaks	2,487	2,078
El Dorado	3,398	2,654

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THE CLA CONFERENCE

Out of the conference came two honors for the staff of the library. Miss Klausner, has been named president of the association. She officially takes over this office on January 1, 1953.

Miss Anne Bedinger, the Supervising Children's Librarian, was named secretary of the section on Library Work with Boys and Girls.

Much of the work and discussion of the conference resulted in resolutions which could have far-reaching results for libraries of the state. Among the more important were:

UNESCO: The association went on record favoring the teaching subjects relating to UNESCO and world understanding and took a stand objecting to the censoring or elimination of books and materials relating to such subjects from classrooms and libraries of all types.

EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION: The association approved and urged the participation of libraries in efforts toward educational television.

PUBLIC LIBRARY SURVEY: The association was asked to petition the 1953 legislature to provide $25,000.00 for a survey of public library facilities and services in the state of California. This survey would state the objectives of public library service, define basic standards of service necessary to attain these objectives; and study library resources (such as books and buildings), personnel, salaries, community service.. From such a survey it is hoped that recommendations for a statewide program of library development will evolve which will assure adequate library service to every community and citizen in the state.

SCHOOL LIBRARY SURVEY: The association will ask that the State Department of Education sponsor a survey of California school library resources, facilities and services, to be coordinated with the survey of public libraries.

BOOKMOBILE

It is evident that the bookmobile service is going to be successful. The work with children is going full blast and at capacity, and the use of the mobile branch by adults is increasing rapidly. In its first week at schools over 2,600 children's books were used. Children were limited to one book each since the collection is not large enough to meet the demand.

PERSONNEL NOTE

Mrs. Esther Watanabe has resigned from her position in the Extension Department. No successor has been named yet. We are awaiting the results of a recent Civic Service examination before hiring.

FILM CIRCUIT

The second year of membership in the film circuit has begun. This year the list of films available is longer with many worthwhile and entertaining films added. Be sure to remind officers of organizations that we do have films available for use of club groups.

If you need more copies of the list of films available for the next couple of months be sure to ask for them.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner,
Director of Library Service

BOOK USE

COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS	OCTOBER 1952	OCTOBER 1951
Bookmobile	305	
Calla	263	419
Clements	93	54
Collegeville	78	64
Escalon	1,094	2,003
Farmington	110	70
Greenwood	89	99
Lafayette	274	186
Lathrop	162	26
Linden	295	207
Live Oak	533	370
Lockeford	216	201
Manteca	2,107	2,250
Nile Gardens	56	63
Peters	321	41
Ripon	3,611	3,652
S. J. Gen. Hosp-School of Nursing	42	271
State Hospital	4,373	3,521
Thornton	326	115
Tracy	2,743	2,310
Vernalis*	0	86
Woodbridge	392	336
Elkhorn	0	
CITY BRANCHES		
Fair Oaks	3,454	3,643
El Dorado	4,796	4,341

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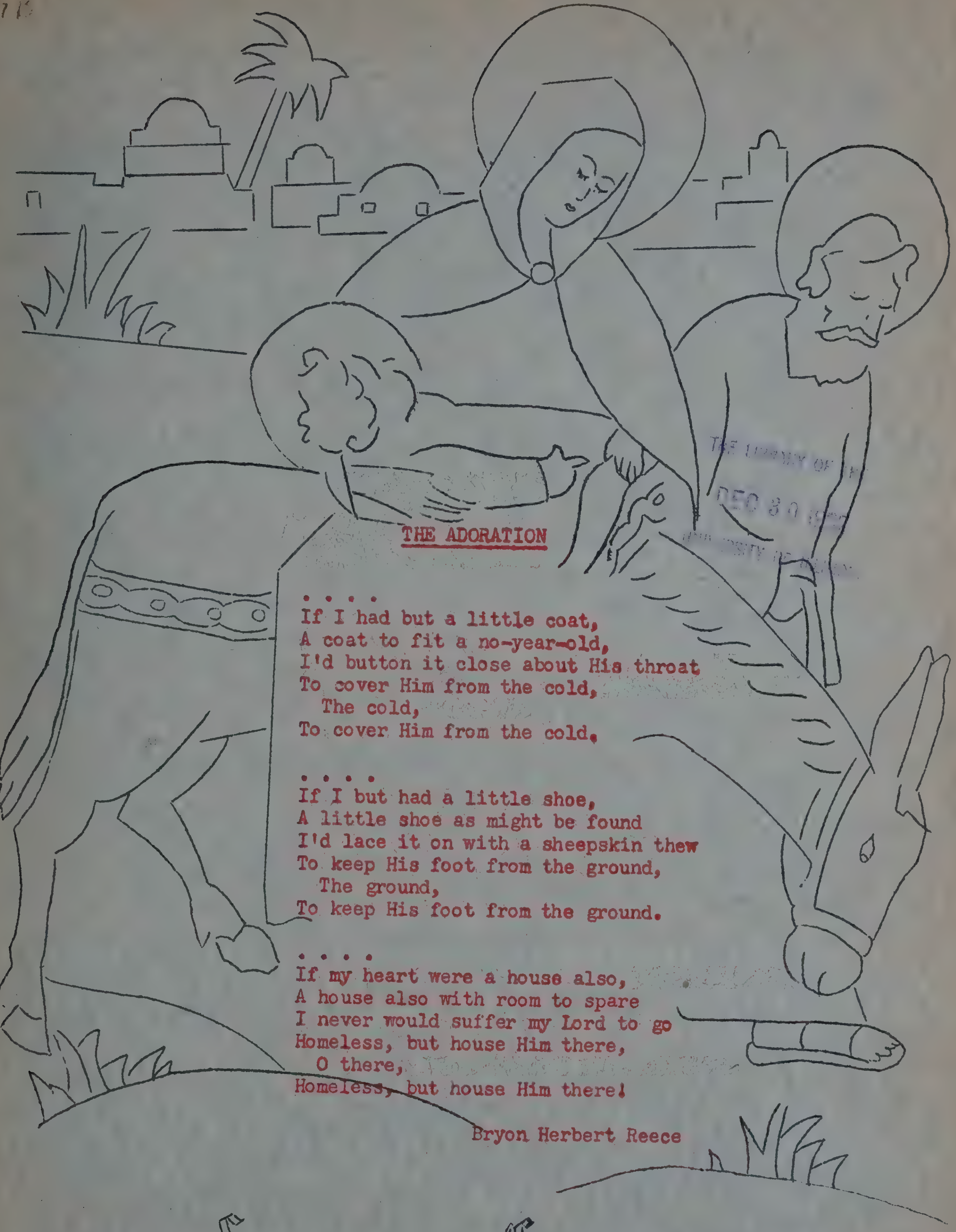

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THE ADORATION

. . . .
If I had but a little coat,
A coat to fit a no-year-old,
I'd button it close about His throat
To cover Him from the cold,
  The cold,
To cover Him from the cold.

. . . .
If I but had a little shoe,
A little shoe as might be found
I'd lace it on with a sheepskin thew
To keep His foot from the ground,
  The ground,
To keep His foot from the ground.

. . . .
If my heart were a house also,
A house also with room to spare
I never would suffer my Lord to go
Homeless, but house Him there,
  O there,
Homeless, but house Him there!

Bryon Herbert Reece

Seasons Greetings

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LIBRARY DIRECTORY

All library branches and stations should have received by this time a copy of the revised directory of libraries in San Joaquin County. If you have not received it, or need an additional copy, send your request to the Extension Department.

MANTECA LIBRARY

Because of crowded conditions in the Manteca City Hall it was necessary to move the library out of that building to provide space for expanding city offices. The new library location is the former PG&E building at 104 Pacific, Manteca. The new quarters are most inadequate and we hope that the library's stay in this location will be a short one.

CITY BRANCHES - CHANGES IN HOURS

In order to more adequately serve the Stockton neighborhoods in which they are located, the Fair Oaks and El Dorado Branches are now open every weekday evening until 9 p.m. The new schedules are:

FAIR OAKS BRANCH

Monday through Friday	12 noon to 9 p.m.
Saturdays	Closed

EL DORADO BRANCH

Monday through Friday	1 to 5 p.m., 7 to 9 p.m.
Saturdays	9 a.m. to 1 p. m.

NEW STANISLAUS COUNTY LIBRARIAN

Mr. Carl Hamilton has been appointed librarian of the McHenry Library in Modesto and the Stanislaus County Library. Mr. Hamilton's latest position was as assistant librarian of the Richmond (California) Public Library. We wish him success in his new job.

LIBRARY WEEK - 1953

The plans for the celebration of Library Week of 1953 are getting under way. Next year's observance will be from March 8th to 14th. Plans on the state and regional level are being formulated, and the preliminary work for this library system is being done by Jay Wright, Fair Oaks Branch Librarian. The theme for the 1953 week is again "Something for Everyone."

Any ideas you may have to promote wider interest in your community will be welcomed and may be sent to Mr. Wright or the Main Library office.

PETERS LIBRARY STATION

We think that Mrs. Peggy Perondi's efforts at the library at Peters are worthy of note. Since she bought the general store in Peters and took over the library station in the store, she has taken interest in the work of the library and in her enthusiasm has created such interest in the library in Peters that the circulation of books has increased over 500%, with the monthly circulation now at about 300--which is remarkable for such a small community.

REQUESTS

Encourage your borrowers to take full advantage of the special request system. All residents of the county have access through this system to practically every book in the Stockton Public Library, the State Library and almost every other library in the state of California. Any information or any book that a library user may want can probably be found through use of the interlibrary loan system, and no one should be sent away without the information or book he wants until all sources have been checked.

For any book not in your collection, for any information you cannot supply send in a request slip, giving as much data as possible. And please send in a separate slip for each request.

DECEMBER REPORTS

The annual report to the City Manager has to be made very shortly after the beginning of the year. In order to accomplish this, it is necessary that all branches and stations send in the December statistics as soon as possible after the last day of service in December. We would appreciate your cooperation on this.

The Main Library and all library branches will be closed on the following days in 1953

Thursday, January 1 - New Year's Day
Thursday, February 12 - Lincoln's Birthday
Monday, February 23 - Washington's Birthday
Saturday, May 30 - Memorial Day
Saturday, July 4 - Independence Day
Monday, September 7 - Labor Day
Wednesday, September 9 - Admission Day
Monday, October 12 - Columbus Day
Wednesday, November 11 - Armistice Day
Thursday, November 26 - Thanksgiving Day
Friday, December 25 - Christmas Day

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Margaret Klausner Director of Library Service
Joe N. Benson Supervising Extension Department
Sereta M. Lacy Extension Department
Annabelle Lee Extension Department

BOOK USE

COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS	November 1952	November 1951
Calla	326	475
Clements	117	71
Collegeville	99	73
Escalon	1,031	2,181
Farmington	88	79
Greenwood	63	95
Lafayette	215	203
Lathrop	102	28
Linden	311	162
Live Oak	387	376
Lockeford	222	191
Manteca	1,924	2,114
Nile Garden	54	70
Peters	242	42
Ripon	2,916	3,433
S. J. Co.- School of Nursing	45	275
State Hospital	3,897	2,034
Thornton	341	115
Tracy	2,444	2,541
Vernalis	0	125
Woodbridge	388	340
CITY BRANCHES		
Fair Oaks	3,660	3,304
El Dorado	4,240	3,665

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PERSONNEL

Mrs. Betty Jean Anderson has accepted an appointment as Junior Typist Clerk in the Extension Department.

Mrs. Lois C. Keys has transferred from the Fair Oaks Branch to the Extension Department headquarters. Mrs. Violet Soracco has taken her place at Fair Oaks.

Esther Watanabe and her husband, Bob, have announced the arrival of a son, Clifford. Al and Edna Kelly have twin sons--James and John.

TRACY RUMORS

Recent articles in the Tracy Press point to renewed interest in a new building for the Tracy library. The Chamber of Commerce has put a proposal for a $50,000.00 building high on its agenda, and the Press made the new library its number one New Year's resolution. The present library quarters in the Tracy City Hall have long been inadequate for good modern service, and we hope that this upsurge of interest will result in a building sufficiently large to serve this rapidly growing city.

LATHROP LIBRARY STATION

The Lathrop station is now in new quarters in the Lathrop General Merchandise building. Mr. Calvin, manager and co-owner of the store has installed special shelving in a prominent place to house the library's books. Your Library Directory should be corrected by inserting the following information for Lathrop:

Lathrop Branch Library
Mr. Carl W. Calvin
P. O. Box 228
Lathrop, California

Located in Lathrop General Merchandise Telephone 1028-W

BOOKMOBILE

During the first two full months of operation the Bookmobile has circulated almost 6,000 books each month, despite holiday curtailment of service in both months. It is hoped and expected that use of the bookmobile will continue to grow. Initial use of the mobile branch was disappointingly slight at community stops at the beginning of the scheduled runs, but it is now increasing in leaps and bounds at most stops.

CHRISTMAS NEWS

The story hours during the Christmas holiday season were successful, especially at the Ripon, Escalon and Fair Oaks branches. Almost 900 children attended the 13 story hour sessions. The Stockton Kiwanis clubs cooperated in some of the programs in Stockton, furnishing candy for the parties.

All branches throughout the library system were appropriately decorated for the holidays, some of them stunningly so.

Taking advantage of the Christmas lull in library use at Ripon, the Ripon branch was closed for a week to allow its staff to take a well earned vacation.

NEW LIBRARY PLANS

In the current (Dec. 1952) Architectural Record, the plans and elevation of the proposed Stockton Public Library are used to illustrate an article on modern library planning and design.

LIBRARY WEEK

The plans for Library Week are being formulated and discussed. At this point most of the program is still in the talking stage, but it is hoped that the plans will take definite shape at a meeting of interested library workers which is to be held later this month. More in our next!

THE ANNUAL REPORT

Preliminary figures from the annual report relating to branches are appended to the Newsletter. This has been another year of growth for the library system, and despite the loss of the circulation count of the County Schools for the last half of the year, our overall circulation figure for the year is 27,000 more than 1951. The number of books circulated in city agencies increased 40,000 and almost 37,000 in the county agencies. In addition to the increase in circulation, the reference services show a corresponding increase in use, and the technical processes have labored hard and long to keep up with the influx of new library materials.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner,
Director of Library Service

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS AT BRANCHES AND STATIONS, 1952

COUNTY BRANCHES	1951	1952
Bookmobile		12,206
Escalon	18,284	19,742
Manteca	23,474	25,232
Ripon	35,182	33,018
Tracy	28,931	37,577
COUNTY STATIONS		
Calla	6,318	5,636
Clements	889	1,577
Collegeville	967	1,200
Elkhorn***		674
Farmington	934	1,170
Greenwood	507	693
Lafayette	2,180	2,458
Lathrop*	1,205	1,694
Linden	2,886	3,626
Live Oak	4,423	4,752
Lockeford	1,807	2,131
Nile Gardens	938	726
Peters	377	1,556
S.J. County School of Nursing	3,436	1,758
State Hospital	37,674	33,829
Thornton	1,283	1,933
Vernalis**	1,711	1,028
Woodbridge	3,724	3,975
CITY BRANCHES		
Fair Oaks	36,539	41,866
El Dorado	42,315	49,074

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** Closed September 1, 1952
*** Summer only

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MAGAZINES

Magazine subscriptions expire in June and new subscriptions and renewals must be placed now. A check list is enclosed for your recommendations. Please think of which magazines you wish to continue receiving and list suggestions of new titles for your branch. Return this list to Headquarters by February 16th. Magazines which are used rarely should perhaps be dropped, and magazines for which you have constant requests and which are not in your collection should be considered for addition to your subscription list.

Magazines are used extensively in some branches and hardly at all in others. If those branches in which they are not used will display them more effectively and accumulate back files sufficient to fill the home-use demand, they will find that magazines can increase the use of the branch considerably. Try to encourage the use of the periodicals you receive. They contain current information which will not appear in book form for some time, and much in the way of fiction which will never appear in book form.

FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CITY MANAGER

"A total of 595,251 books went into people's homes from all the library agencies both in the city and county. Book use was up--the city agencies chalked up a 14 percent increase and the county agencies a 12 percent increase."

"The bookmobile service got under way too late in the year to affect this growth much, but at the Fair Oaks and El Dorado branches in Stockton and at Tracy and Thornton the public hours were increased. It is a corollary that where we can and do provide good books and points of service the books are used."

"15,892 new books were added to the library collection, bringing the total holdings to over 330,000 volumes. This number represents a dollar value of over $548,000, a wealth not only in content but also in physical assets."

"One of the highlights of 1952 was the satisfactory development of our work with children which has suffered so miserably these past few years....The needs of children for books in the city and county cannot be overlooked. During 1952 43 percent of the total book use was to children and we are reaching only a small section of our service area where children are. The Bookmobile is a great help with children, for with it we can get to schools and playgrounds where they congregate."

"Our sights for 1954 are aimed at further consolidating our services, strengthening the book collections, publicizing our outlets and services so more people are aware of them, developing the Bookmobile use, reaching more children, and completing the details on the new building plan. We need, however, to look forward to 1954 and to plan then for a further extension of service and books by Bookmobile--the present machine operates only within a five mile area."

REQUESTS

We want to encourage the use of our request service, but we ask you AGAIN to send them on the request forms provided you, and not by checking lists or by writing several on a slip or scrap of paper.

Please use the check list on them to indicate if the borrower is adult or juvenile, if he can use later, or if he will accept a substitute.

CIRCULATION AT THE STATIONS

Encouraging was a breakdown made on circulation at the thirteen rural stations which show an overall increase in use of 13 percent over 1951.

Increases were: Peters, 324%; Clements, 76%; Thornton, 50%; Lathrop, 40%; Greenwood, 36%; Farmington, 26%; Linden, 25%; Collegeville, 24%; Lockeford, 17%; Live Oak, 7%; Woodbridge, 7%.

Decreases were: Nile Garden, 23%; Calla, 11%.

There is still room for improvement and those in charge of the rural deposits should "talk up" library service and especially let newcomers and those in your area know that if a book is not in the deposit collection it can be requested from the main library.

LIBRARY WEEK, MARCH 8-14, 1953

Plans for the county-wide celebration of library week are about set. Posters, window displays, broadsides, newspaper stories and radio announcements will do their best to make it obvious to the county's residents that the library has something for everyone.

There will be no open-house at the Main Library this year, but all our best will be given into making the open house at the Fair Oaks branch the highlight for Monday, March 9. Beginning at about 7 there will be a film program continuing until the branch closes at 9 p.m.

For librarians, the highlight of the week, will probably be the dinner on Wednesday March 11, at Minnie's, that fabulously good Chinese restaurant, at the corner of Harding and Hunter in Stockton. The state librarian, Mrs. Carma Zimmerman, will be the honored guest and featured speaker. Invitations to all library people and book people in the area will be mailed shortly, so hold the date open, save $2.00 for the dinner, and send in your reservation.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner,
Director of Library Service

BOOK USE, JANUARY 1953

COUNTY BRANCHES	1952	1953
Bookmobile		7,059
Escalon	2,838	1,517
Manteca	2,599	2,101
Ripon	3,976	3,609
Thornton	126	351
Tracy	3,309	3,191
COUNTY STATIONS		
Calla	414	251
Clements	161	130
Collegeville	105	128
Farmington	71	114
Greenwood	141	93
Lafayette	181	343
Lathrop	171	493
Linden	275	369
Live Oak	339	416
Lockeford	198	89
Nile Garden	54	60
Peters	47	218
San Joaquin Co. - School of Nursing	286	31
State Hospital	1,082	3,249
Woodbridge	240	351
CITY BRANCHES		
El Dorado	4,499	5,010
Fair Oaks	5,023	3,930

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PERSONNEL

Mrs. Ramona Stokes, who has been in charge of the Thornton Branch, has resigned because she is moving outside the area.

Mrs. Delrae Jardin of Thornton will replace Mrs. Stokes. Mrs. Jardin has been active in the Thornton PTA and is the wife of a member of the Thornton school board.

Mrs. Effie Mitchell of Escalon has recovered from a two week illness.

CLEMENTS

The Red & White Store in Clements (Mrs. Margaret Fitzgerald, prop.) has provided additional and a more prominent space for the library. As a result the book collection at Clements has been increased to care for the increased use.

LATHROP

The new location of the Lathrop station in the Lathrop General Merchandising Store has really begun to click. 554 books were circulated in February 1953, compared with 250 in February 1952.

TRACY

Editorials, news articles, letters to the editor in the Tracy Press, are indicative of the continuing interest in a new library building for Tracy. The present quarters have long been inadequate, and with the continuing influx of new population in Tracy and its environs it is imperative that a much larger space be made available for library use.

NOTABLE BOOKS, 1952

The selections of the American Library Association of the notable books of 1952 have been announced. A list of those available in the Public Library, Stockton and San Joaquin County, is attached to this newsletter. Any of the books listed may be requested through the Extension Department.

READING LISTS

If your supply of Lenten reading lists is exhausted, additional copies are available. There are also copies of two different gardening lists available and may be requested through the Extension Department.

FILMS

A copy of the films now available on the film circuit are enclosed. If any organization in your area is interested in using films in their programs, remind them that this service is not limited to Stockton but is available to all organizations in San Joaquin County.

FAIR OAKS OPEN HOUSE

The first report on a Library Week activity was from Fair Oaks branch on its open house on Monday 9. 170 persons came in the evening to examine the numerous displays and exhibits and stayed to see three films: Circus Animals, Story of Time, and Ageless Paris.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner,
Director of Library Service

NOTABLE BOOKS, 1952

This list does not pretend to list the "great" books published in 1952, but is intended to provide recommendations for good reading of a broad and general character. These books are considered to meet the tests of good writing, factual correctness, sincerity and honesty of purpose...

Agar, Herbert - A DECLARATION OF FAITH.
Allen, Frederick L. - THE BIG CHANCE.
Behrman, Samuel N. - DUVEEN
Berenson, Bernhard - RUMOR AND REFLECTION, 1941-1944.
Bible - THE HOLY BIBLE. Revised Standard Version.
Brooks, Van Wyck - CONFIDENT YEARS: 1885-1915.
Castro, Josue de - GEOGRAPHY OF HUNGER.
Chambers, Whittaker - WITNESS.
Clark, Eleanor - ROME AND A VILLA.
Conrad, Barnaby - MATADOR.
Cooke, Alistair - ONE MAN'S AMERICA.
De Voto, Bernard A. - THE COURSE OF EMPIRE.
Dewey, Thomas A. - JOURNEY TO THE FAR PACIFIC.
Dobie, James F. - THE MUSTANGS.
Douglas, Paul H. - ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT.
Eliot, Thomas S. - THE COMPLETE POEMS AND PLAYS.
Ellison, Ralph - INVISIBLE MAN.
Frank, Anne - DIARY OF A YOUNG GIRL.
Freeman, Douglas S. - GEORGE WASHINGTON: v. 5, Victory with the help of France.
Gray, Elizabeth J. - WINDOWS FOR THE CROWN PRINCE.
Grew, Joseph C. - THE TURBULENT ERA: A diplomatic record of 40 years, 1904-1945.
Hand, Learned - THE SPIRIT OF LIBERTY.
Hart-Davis, Rupert - HUGH WALPOLE.
Hemingway, Ernest - OLD MAN AND THE SEA.
Hoover, Herbert C. - MEMOIRS OF HERBERT HOOVER: v. 2, The Cabinet and the Presidency; v. 3, The great depression.
Howard, Joseph K. - STRANGE EMPIRE: a narrative of the Northwest.
Killilea, Marie L. - KAREN.
King, Ernest J. and Whitehill, W. M. - FLEET ADMIRAL KING, A NAVAL RECORD.
Koestler, Arthur - ARROW IN THE BLUE.
Krutch, Joseph W. - DESERT YEAR.
Latourette, Kenneth S. - AMERICAN RECORD IN THE FAR EAST, 1945-1951.
Lubell, Samuel - FUTURE OF AMERICAN POLITICS.
MacLeish, Archibald - COLLECTED POEMS: 1917-1952.
Millay, Edna St. Vincent - THE LETTERS OF EDNA ST. VINCENT MILLAY.
Niebuhr, Reinhold - THE IRONY OF AMERICAN HISTORY.
O'Connor, Frank - STORIES OF FRANK O'CONNOR.
Philbrick, Herbert A. - I LED THREE LIVES: Citzen, Communist, Counterspy.
Porter, Katherine A. - THE DAYS BEFORE.
Prescott, Hilda F. M. - THE MAN ON THE DONKEY.
Remarque, Erich M. - SPARK OF LIFE.
Rowan, Carl T. - SOUTH OF FREEDOM.
Shaw, George B. - BERNARD SHAW AND MRS. PATRICK CAMPBELL: their correspondence.
Shirer, William L. - MIDCENTURY JOURNEY.
Simon, Edith - GOLDEN HAND.
Stevenson, Adlai E. - SPEECHES OF ADLAI STEVENSON.
Strong, George T. - THE DIARY OF GEORGE TEMPLETON STRONG.
Thomas, Benjamin P. - ABRAHAM LINCOLN.
Vandenberg, Arthur H. - THE PRIVATE PAPERS.
Webb, Walter P. - THE GREAT FRONTIER.
Wecter, Dixon - SAM CLEMENS OF HANNIBAL.
Wilmot, Chester - STRUGGLE FOR EUROPE.
Wilson, Edmund - THE SHORES OF LIGHT.

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PERSONNEL

Mrs. Sylvesta Freshour of the Ripon Library has been ill. During her absence, Mrs. Bertha Schaapman has substituted.

Mrs..Sereta Lacy, Senior Librarian in the Extension Department for the past two years, has transferred to the Catalog Department. Until a full time replacement is found, Miss Margaret Reid and Mrs. Virginia Kreiss are helping in the department on a part time basis.

SCHOOL VISITS TO LIBRARIES

At Escalon the third through eighth grades of the Dent Union School have resumed regular weekly class visits to the branch library.

The Farmington School fifth through eighth grades are now on a regular weekly schedule of visits to the Farmington library station.

AWARD WINNERS - CHILDREN'S BOOK DIVISION

The American Library Association has announced the following awards in the field of children's literature:

Newberry Award for the best children's book for the past year was given to Ann Nolan Clark for Secret of the Andes.

The Caldecott Award for the best illustrated children's book for 1952 was won by Lynd Ward for The biggest bear.

Both of these books, if not already in your permanent collection, are available through the Extension Department.

BOOK LISTS

The Secretary - An annotated list of books useful to the secretary and other clerical employees. (Note: Employers are finding this very useful).

Antiques - A carefully selected list of books on collecting in general, with the outstanding books on various phases of collecting listed.

Toward Mental Health - A selection of the better books acquired in this field during the past two years. This list will be sent to all library agencies for use during Mental Health Week in the first part of May.

Two lists are being compiled for use during Music Week--one a general list on music and music appreciation, the other list of books on composers and performers. These will be distributed to all library agencies.

If you need more of the above lists beyond what you receive in the general distribution, do not hesitate to request them through the Extension Department.

CALIFORNIA LIBRARY WEEK

The celebration of library week was not unusual in any way. The newspapers and radio stations cooperated fully as in the past, and posters were displayed in strategic spots throughout the county. There was a wide distribution of the leaflet Use your library, especially through service clubs and the county branch libraries.

In Stockton there were two window displays in large downtown department stores--one on the new main library building, the other on the various services that the library has to offer its public. All of the larger library agencies had displays of varying elaborateness. The highlight for library employees was a dinner at Minnie's in Stockton, which was well attended by library workers, book dealers, and interested lay people from throughout the county.

ODDS AND ENDS IN BOOKS AND READING

There is an unusual demand for Cousteau's The silent world, an account of "skin diving" in the Mediterranean. If you have any devotees of this recently developed sport you might mention this book to them, and remind them that Hans Hass (who wrote Diving for adventure) has another book on the same subject coming out very shortly.....

If you have been following the violent debate on modern art in the "letters to the editor" column in the Stockton Record, you may have noticed Mr. Chaffee's admonition that for a better understanding of modern art it might be well if those who object would use the resources of the public library to find out what modern art is trying to do. Which makes us happy since we have made a strong effort to build up a well rounded collection of books on art, with a strong representation of books on modern painting and sculpture. So for those of your clientele who may be willing to venture into a new field, may we recommend the following: Cheney - A primer of modern art, one of the first rational studies of modern art, and today, 30 years later, still one of the best introductions to the subject; Barr - What is modern painting, the best, most readable of the shorter books; Flanagan - How to understand modern art, a recent readable book which explains the growth and philosophy of modern painting. In addition to these there are many more of the same type, some violently defensive, some more passive in their approach, most of them very readable and all of them well illustrated. In the library's collection are also a great many portfolios and books of color illustrations, some on the work of a single artist, some on the work of a particular school.

Sincerely yours,

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BOOK USE

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Farmington	80	121
Greenwood	90	149
Lafayette	150	314
Lathrop	216	682
Linden	338	341
Live Oak	417	379
Lockeford	139	128
Manteca	2,222	2,244
Nile Garden	64	65
Peters	81	260
Ripon	3,967	3,783
San Joaquin Hospital School of Nursing	303	12
State Hospital	3.172	2,326
Thornton	112	316
Tracy	3,701	3,445
Woodbridge	397	253
CITY BRANCHES		
El Dorado	4,155	4,766
Fair Oaks	3,287	4,733

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CLA DISTRICT MEETING

The Golden Empire District of the California Library Association held its annual meeting in Sacramento on April 25 in the new library building of the Sacramento State College. The general opinion of the staff members who attended was that it was the best and most rewarding district meeting in many years. The morning session was devoted to reports on the library survey legislation, recruitment of professional personnel, and the presidential address (given by our own Director). At the lunch meeting, Sue Smith, one of the graduates of the first professional library training class, reminisced on the early days of the library profession in California. The afternoon session was devoted to a discussion of work simplification, which so inspired Joe Benson that he is now questioning and analysing all procedures in the Extension Department.

THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

The annual conference of the ALA will be held in Los Angeles for a week beginning June 21. Several members of our staff have already made plans to attend--Miss Bedinger plans to attend the pre-conference on Library Work with Children and Young People, Miss Clark, will attend the sessions on library uses of films and other audio-visual materials, Miss Klausner will attend meetings on library buildings and in addition will represent the CLA in her official capacity of president. Several other staff members have made tentative plans to attend at least part of the convention.

LIBRARY STANDARDS

Miss Klausner and Mr. Koping attended the Workshop on Library Standards in late March, which was called by the State Librarian to develop a set of workable, realistic library standards for the state of California. Miss Klausner was named to the continuing committee, to coordinate and restate the work of the initial group. These standards, which will be published during the summer, will state the basic system, book collection, and personnel needed to most efficiently operate and give good library service to the residents of California. Through this statement of basic needs it is hoped that careful evaluation of their own systems by the librarians, boards and governmental units responsible will lead to the much needed improvement and modernization of library service.

PUBLIC LIBRARY SURVEY

The State Legislature has approved a supplementary allotment to the State Library budget which will provide funds for a survey of public libraries in this state, including a study of the relationships of the State Library to the library system of California. This survey tied in with the library standards should give us a good base from which to review our work, and to go on to better library service.

BRANCH LIBRARY PLANS

The much needed library buildings in Tracy and Manteca seem nearer realization now than at any time during the past six years. Small local groups have begun to work very hard, creating enthusiasm and support for the projects. Tentative plans and elevations are being carefully studied, and, God and the populace willing, these two fast growing centers will soon have adequate and modern buildings in which we can give good modern library service.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Summer reading clubs for children will be organized in all of the branches except the overcrowded Manteca Branch. "McElligot's Pool" will be the theme of this summer's club...each child will receive a "fish" to put on his "fishing pole" for each book read and reported on. Story hours will be held, and at the end of the summer parties will be held at several of the libraries.

PULITZER PRIZE WINNERS

This year's Pulitzer Prizes for literature have been awarded to the following: Ernest Hemingway The old man and the sea for the outstanding work of fiction; George Dangerfield The era of good feelings for the best work in the field of American history; David J. Mays Edmund Pendleton for the best biography; Archibald Macleish Collected poems for the outstanding book of poetry. These are in the library's collection--except for the life of Pendleton, which will not be purchased unless there is an unusual demand for it but which many be borrowed from the State Library.

SUGGESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Please forward to the administrative office or the Extensive Department any comments or suggestions from the public which could lead to the improvement of services or book collections.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

The following appointments have been made from the current Civil Service lists:

Junior Typist Clerk

Mrs. Bernice Odgers, assigned to Catalog Department
Mrs. Dolores Padilla, assigned to Main Desk
Miss Marian Wood, assigned to Main Desk

Clerk (Page)

Miss Joy Larsen, assigned to public departments, Main Library
Mrs. Della Stahley, assigned to Processing, effective June 1
Miss Anone Hoyt, assigned to public departments, Main Library, and the El Dorado Branch
Mrs. Emma Nelson, assigned to Mending Department, effective June 1
Miss Mary Ramirez, assigned to public department, Main Library, effective, May 27

Senior Librarian

Miss Gertrude Laird has accepted a probationary appointment as Senior Librarian in the Extension Department, effective July 1. Miss Laird is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, and has a graduate degree from the same school. Since the completion of her academic work she has been at the Troy (Ohio) Public Library doing bookmobile and extension work.

The following provisional appointment has been made:

Mrs. Virginia Tritch Kreiss has returned to the library as Junior Librarian for work with boys and girls. She will relieve Miss Bedinger of much of the headquarters detail, allowing Miss Bedinger to spend a greater part of her time in field work and working with schools and parents groups. Mrs. Kreiss was formerly on our staff in the Extension and Reference departments, and prior to coming to Stockton had held positions in Ohio, Massachusetts, Arizona and Colorado. We are happy to welcome her back!

The following temporary appointment has been made:

Mr. Aldo Rossi will return to the library temporarily as a Junior Librarian for a three month period during the summer months. Mr. Rossi will have his primary assignment in the Catalog Department, but may be called upon to cover vacation schedules in other departments. He has worked in the past as a clerk and junior typist clerk in the Stockton Library, and will receive his Master of Arts in Librarianship from the University of California this June.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner,
Director of Library Service

Special Bulletin: Two copies of The Kroeger report on the San Joaquin General Hospital have been deposited at the library by the Board of Supervisors. One copy is ready for circulation.

BOOK USE

COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS	April 1952	April 1953
Calla	498	419
Clements	176	179
Collegeville	87	122
Escalon	2,153	2,231
Farmington	79	201
Greenwood	50	103
Lafayette	213	426
Lathrop	125	624
Linden	310	320
Live Oak	399	354
Lockeford	131	114
Manteca	2,190	2,212
Nile Garden	169	67
Peters	81	264
Ripon	3,400	3,781
San Joaquin Hospital-School of Nursing	303	45
State Hospital	1,864	2,005
Thornton	102	439
Tracy	3,412	3,349
Woodbridge	422	516
Bookmobile		8,370
CITY BRANCHES		
El Dorado	4,273	4,717
Fair Oaks	3,544	4,240

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STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

No. 41 STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA June 1953

PERSONNEL

Mr. Jasper Wright, Fair Oaks Branch librarian, has resigned, effective July 5th. Sometime in July Mr. Wright is to be married to Miss Arleta Garbatt, of Berkeley We wish him the best of luck in his new enterprises.

Miss Gertrude Kaufman has accepted an appointment as Branch Librarian at Fair Oaks, succeeding Mr. Wright. Miss Kaufman worked her way up through the ranks at the Milwaukee Public Library from page to provisional librarian. She did her undergraduate work at the University of Wisconsin, and after a period of service in the Army of the United States, she attended the Library School at the University of California, completing her work in 1950. Since then she has worked at the Library of Congress.

Mr. Fred Dimas, janitor at the Main Library and the Fair Oaks Branch, has resigned. Mr. Frank Anderson has been appointed from the current civil service list to replace Mr. Dimas.

NEW STAFF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

At an election on June 9, the Staff Association chose the following officers to serve during the next organizational year:

President: Miss Patricia Clark, Supervising Reference Librarian
Vice President: Mrs. Nadine Johnson, Head, Circulation Department
Secretary: Mrs. Sereta Lacy, Senior Librarian, Catalog Department
Treasurer: Mrs. Inez Sattler, Junior Typist Clerk, Children's Department

Board Members: Mr. Joseph Nix Benson, Supervising Extension Librarian; Miss Jean Sandberg, Junior Typist Clerk, Circulation Department; Mr. Frank Jones (retiring president).

SUMMER READING CLUBS

All arrangements have been completed for the summer reading clubs in Stockton, Tracy, Ripon and Escalon. We regret that the Manteca branch is simply too over-crowded for a special program of any kind.

In Stockton stories will be told at all of the playground bookmobile stops by the children's librarian and the bookmobile librarian. In Tracy stories will be told at the Library every Saturday at 10:00 a.m. by Mrs. Lucille Beutler; in Escalon at 2:00 p.m. every Tuesday by Mrs. Mitchell, the branch assistant; in Ripon at 2:00 p.m. every Thursday by the children's librarian.

There have been innumerable inquiries about the starting date of the McElligott's Pool reading club--so we hope that it will start off with the traditional bang on June 15, the official starting date. The colorful posters are the work of Miss Bedinger and Mrs. Kreiss.

BOOKMOBILE SUMMER SCHEDULE

The summer bookmobile schedules have been published, and are available through the Extension Department, the Bookmobile, the Main Library Circulation Desk, and both the city branches. The newly published schedule for the community stops goes through December of 1953; the summer schedule for parks and playgrounds will be superseded in September by the new school stop schedule.

If you need copies of the schedules do not hesitate to notify the Extension Department.

JUNE REPORTS

PLEASE SEND THE JUNE CIRCULATION REPORTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE LAST DAY OF OPERATION IN JUNE. WE MUST MAKE OUR REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE FIRST OF JULY....SO PLEASE COOPERATE!

BOOK REPAIR

Now that school is out for the summer, branch assistants should go over the children's shelves for books that need mending or cleaning. If you will do so immediately, we should be able to get the books back to the branches and stations before the school rush begins again this fall.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner,
Director of Library Service

BOOK USE

COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS	May 1952	May 1953
Bookmobile		4,261
Calla	534	550
Clements	138	183
Collegeville	112	130
Escalon	1,920	1,957
Farmington	76	157
Greenwood	52	0
Lafayette	243	384
Lathrop	96	494
Linden	334	359
Live Oak	401	434
Lockeford	154	91
Manteca	2,137	2,227
Nile Garden	58	72
Peters	101	249
Ripon	2,975	3,665
San Joaquin Hospital-Sch. of Nursing	308	62
State Hospital	1,778	2,381
Thornton	82	470
Tracy	2,985	3,193
Woodbridge	381	392
CITY BRANCHES		
El Dorado	4,597	4,559
Fair Oaks	3,689	4,080

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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

No. 42 STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA July-August, 1953

FROM PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S LETTER TO THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Read at the American Library Association Conference in Los Angeles, June 25, 1953

"Our librarians serve the precious liberties of our nation: freedom of inquiry, freedom of the spoken and the written word, freedom of the exchange of ideas.

"Upon these clear principles, democracy depends for its very life,for they are the great sources of knowledge and enlightenment. And knowledge--full,unfettered knowledge of its own heritage, of freedom's enemies, of the whole world of men and ideas--this knowledge is a free people's surest strength.

"The converse is just as surely true. A democracy smugly disdainful of new ideas would be a sick democracy. A democracy chronically fearful of new ideas would be a dying democracy.

"For all these reasons, we must in these times be intelligently alert not only to the fanatic cunning of Communist conspiracy-but also to the grave dangers in meeting fanaticism with ignorance. For, in order to fight totalitarians who exploit the ways of freedom to serve their own ends, there are some zealots who--with more wrath than wisdom--would adopt a strangely unintelligent course. They would try to defend freedom by denying freedom's friends the opportunity of studying Communism in its entirety--its plausibilities, its falsities, its weaknesses.

"But we know that freedom cannot be served by the devices of the tyrant. As it is an ancient truth that freedom cannot be legislated into existence, so it is no less obvious that freedom cannot be censored into existence. And any who act as if freedom's defense are to be found in suppression and suspicion and fear confess a doctrine that is alien to America.

"The libraries of America are and must ever remain the homes of free, inquiring minds. To them, our citizens--of all ages and races, of all creeds and political persuasions--must ever be able to turn with clear confidence that there they can freely seek the whole truth,unwarped by fashion and uncompromised by expediency. For in such whole and healthy knowledge alone are to be found and understood those majestic truths of man's nature and destiny that prove, to each succeeding generation, the validity of freedom."

NEW BRANCH LIBRARY

After 9 P.M. August 20, the El Dorado Branch will no longer exist. In its place the City of Stockton is opening the North Branch Library at 111 West Harding Way. The new branch will have about three times as much floor space as the El Dorado Branch, and for the first time adequate service to adults can be given in this section of Stockton.

The new branch will open at 1 P.M. August 24. The quarters have been redecorated with walls in a very pale blue, with the rear wall in a deep green blue.

The shelves are in clear yellow and green blue. The furniture will be upholstered in citron, coral, russet and parchment, so we expect the latest addition to Stockton's library outlets to be most colorful. The book collection will be more than doubled in size.

The hours for the North Branch will be: Monday through Friday, 1 to 9 P.M., Saturdays, 10 to 5. The telephone number will be 5-2190. The present staff is comprised of Mrs. June Heisinger, Mrs. Ruth Eby, Mrs. Charlotte Greene and Miss Marilyn LaTeer.

VISITING LIBRARIANS

After the American Library Association conference in Los Angeles several out of state librarians visited the Stockton Library. Miss Nofcier, Librarian at Lima, Ohio spent one half day studying the new library plans for solutions applicable to their problems in Lima, and another half day studying our IBM system of charging. Miss Kellogg, librarian at Elkhart, Indiana, dropped in to say hello to Joe Benson.

SPECIAL BOOK LIST

A special book list has been compiled for use of the Mayor's Committee on Youth and Youth Problems. Youth and the Community lists outstanding books and documents in the library's collection. If anyone in your community would like a copy of the list it may be requested from the Extension Department.

PETERS BRANCH

The Peters General Store has been sold by Peggy Perondi, and the new custodian will be Mrs. Cora Lee Holley. During the time that Miss Perondi operated the station the use increased almost 100%.

SUBJECT REQUESTS

When sending in subject requests, please make certain that the following information is included:

1. Is the material for a child, teen-ager, or adult?

2. Does the borrower want a general discussion of a subject or is he interested in some particular phase of the subject. For example, does he want a general book on carpentry, or something on stairbuilding; does he want a general travel book on Mexico, or does he want something on Mexican music, or a city in Mexico?

3. Does the borrower want elementary material for a beginner, or has he had experience with the subject and wants more advanced information?

4. What material, if any, has the borrower already used?

5. What does the borrower actually want the material for? Does he want it for a term paper, general information, how to construct something, etc?

6. Is the borrower's interest in the subject casual, or if we do not have the information right at hand would he want us to get information from the State Library or other libraries?

BOOK USE

CITY BRANCHES	1951-1952	1952-1953
El Dorado Branch	45,590	51,590
Fair Oaks Branch	38,188	43,674
COUNTY BRANCHES		
Escalon	22,822	17,194
Manteca	24,823	27,716
Ripon	35,136	33,343
Thornton	1,251	3,373
Tracy	33,940	37,262
COUNTY STATIONS		
Calla	6,015	5,655
Clements	1,290	1,568
Collegeville	1,045	1,437
Farmington	1,098	1,490
Greenwood	777	733
Lafayette	2,092	3,315
Lathrop	1,337	4,012
Linden	3,128	3,789
Live Oak	4,243	4,812
Lockeford	1,678	1,764
Nile Garden	991	774
Peters	606	2,543
S.J.County--School of Nursing	3,158	470
State Hospital	29,600	32,551
Vernalis	1,560	161
Woodbridge	3,865	4,203
OTHER INFORMATION		
Books added to collection	19,773	21,799
Reference questions answered	26,947	34,274

TOTAL HOME BOOK USE IN ENTIRE SYSTEM - - - - - - - - - - - - - - ~~604,293~~ 623,410

Sincerely yours,

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No. 43 STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA September 1953

THE BUDGET AND PROGRAM FOR 1954

The budget for 1954 has been sent to the City Manager for presentation to the City Council later this fall. Though the budget requested is larger than any previous budget in the library's history, it does not allow for any unusual extension of library service. The increase is due largely to the salary increases which became effective on September 1st. We hope to spend the year of 1954 in consolidating our program, reviewing our work, with careful studies made of work loads and work methods --and some intensive in-service training. Two additional positions have been requested and granted for work in the county--a branch librarian for Tracy and a children's librarian to work in the county branches and stations; some additional clerical help has been asked for the city operation to equalize work loads, and a branch librarian has been requested for the North Branch. If these requests are granted we will be able to move into action with better results during 1954.

GROUP INSURANCE

All city employees, and the county library employees who are eligible, are to vote on the group hospital and medical insurance plans recommended by a committee of city employees who made a long and careful study of the problem and the plans submitted by various insurance companies. All employees who are eligible will receive descriptions of the two plans to be considered, along with a ballot on which to express a preference. If you were not able to attend the staff meeting on September 21 at which the problem was discussed, and if the information you have received does not answer your questions, please get in touch with Miss Clark at the Main Library, who is the library's representative on the interdepartmental committee, and who has the answer to all questions.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Estela Chubb, who has been the Director's secretary for the past three years, has resigned because of ill health. We are sorry to lose her, and miss her warm and charming personality. Until a replacement is named Margaret Reid of the Reference Department staff is ably filling the job.

Mrs. Betty Anderson, Junior Typist Clerk in the Extension Department, has resigned. Mrs. Mary Purnell has been appointed from the current Civil Service list to replace her.

Mrs. Lorna Maynard has been appointed from the current Clerk's list to replace Mrs. Emma Nelson in the Processing Section.

On October 1st, Betty Yee will join the Order Department staff as Junior Typist Clerk to be trained to take over Yvonne Lorea's job when Mrs. Lorea leaves on October 15.

Donna Alberti of the Circulation Department staff has resigned and was married at Morris Chapel on August 30th to Melvin Nickerson. They are now at home at the Sequoia Apartments.

Mr. Jasper Wright, former branch librarian at Fair Oaks, has accepted the position of Head of the Adult Department and Assistant Librarian at the South Bend (Indiana) Public Library.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner
Director of Library Service

BOOK USE

COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS	August 1952	August 1953
Bookmobile		3,005
Calla	683	510
Clements	146	136
Collegeville	112	87
Escalon	1,204	1,316
Farmington	141	68
Greenwood	0	0
Lafayette	144	284
Lathrop	132	245
Linden	325	337
Live Oak	366	432
Lockeford	136	141
Manteca	2,350	2,302
Nile Garden	66	62
Peters	94	217
Ripon	1,442	1,548
S. J. Co.-School of Nursing	32	25
State Hospital	3,057	935
Thornton	145	585
Tracy	2,746	3,379
Woodbridge	220	541
Davis School		65

CITY BRANCHES		
Fair Oaks	2,647	2,517
North Branch*	3,290	3,609

* Formerly El Dorado Branch

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PERSONNEL

Mr. Vidal Mata has been assigned as Senior Clerk in the Extension Department replacing Annabelle Lee who resigned to accept a position with the Bank of America.

Mr. Bob Honda has accepted an appointment as Shipping Clerk replacing Vidal Mata.

FARMINGTON STATION

The deposit station at Farmington has been closed. Mrs. Krebs who had the station for many years in her home, was unable to continue offering the service to the community. We have not been able to find another suitable place in Farmington for the station so we have been forced to discontinue service.

CIRCULATION REPORTS

May we again remind everyone that circulation reports are due by the fifth of each month. This is important since no report in the Main Library can be completed until each and every report is in. We have deadlines to meet and all station and branch reports have to be included in our reports. In the past two years there has not been one month when all reports were in on time. Won't you please cooperate?

SCHOOL VISITS

Regular visits by school classes to select books for pleasure reading are being made on a weekly or bi-weekly basis for the remainder of the school year at the following branches: Ripon, 14 classes (11 from the public school and 3 from the Christian School); Escalon, 10 classes; Fair Oaks, 10 classes; North, 4 classes; Lafayette, 2 classes.

IMPROVEMENTS AT BRANCHES

A new marquee has been built across the front of the Escalon Branch, and the exterior of the building has been repainted.

Two very handsome lounge chairs are now in use in the adult section at the Fair Oaks Branch, and several small upholstered stools are adding brilliant spots of color to the children's section.

The lounge furniture for the new North Branch has arrived and adds the final dash of color needed to make this branch the most colorful and inviting in the entire system.

THE NORTH BRANCH

The new location, the attractive decor, and the increased book collection at the North Branch are paying high dividends. The use of the branch has almost doubled in the past two months, and there is no indication that the saturation point has yet been reached. Every day brings new borrowers---and new demands on the staff and the book collection.

THE CALIFORNIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

From all reports the annual meeting of the CLA in Stockton was a success. This year the meeting was centered about reading problems, motivations and the need for reading. The most important item of business to come before the conference was the discussion and adoption, with little opposition, of the standards for public libraries.

All of the staff of the Stockton system attended some of the meetings, and many of the staff members were active in planning and setting up of the meetings. Mrs. DeVault of the Tracy Branch and Mrs. Mitchell of the Escalon Branch attended the meetings on Friday which were devoted to the reading problems of children. Mrs. Strong of the Manteca Branch attended the Thursday meetings on adult reading.

CARD CATALOGS

All branches that have card catalogs are again urged to file catalog cards as they are received. All catalogs have been recently revised by Miss Laird and all cards which were on hand were filed. The branch librarian should make every effort to keep these catalogs up to date. The title someone is looking for may be among those unfiled cards.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner
Director of Library Service

BOOK USE

COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS	October 1953	October 1952
Bookmobile	8,359	305
Calla	540	263
Clements	148	93
Collegeville	81	78
Davis School	0	
Escalon	1,835	1,094
Farmington*	0	110
Greenwood	112	89
Lafayette	317	274
Lathrop	225	162
Linden	315	295
Live Oak	399	533
Lockeford	122	216
Manteca	2,302	2,107
Nile Garden	71	56
Peters	240	321
Ripon	3,466	3,611
S. J. County-School of Nursing	51	42
State Hospital	807	4,373
Thornton	495	326
Tracy	3,236	2,743
Woodbridge	434	392
CITY BRANCHES		
Fair Oaks	4,157	3,454
North Branch	7,253	4,796

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No. 45 STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA December 1953

The holly bears a blossom
As white as lilly flower;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
To be our sweet Saviour.

The holly bears a berry
As red as any blood;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
To do poor sinners good.

The holly bears a prickle
As sharp as any thorn;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
On Christmas day in the morn.

The holly bears a bark
As bitter as any gall;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
For to redeem us all.

--Traditional English carol.

TRACY BRANCH LIBRARIAN

In the 1954 budget the County of San Joaquin authorized the position of branch librarian for Tracy to help carry the greatly increased work load and to help plan and to direct the library program there.

It is with pleasure that we announce that Mr. James A. Petrella has accepted the appointment as branch librarian. Mr. Petrella is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, and received his advanced degree from the Library School of the Western Reserve University. He is now employed in the business reference department of the Lincoln (Public) Library, Springfield, Illinois. He is married and is the father of two children.

He will report to the Main Library in Stockton in mid-January for a period of orientation and intensive in-service training, and will take over his new duties sometime in February.

Mrs. Jeanette DeVault will continue as clerk for the Tracy Branch Library.

DECEMBER REPORTS

The annual report to the City Manager must be made very shortly after the beginning of the year. We would appreciate it if you will help us by sending in the statistics for your branch or station as soon as possible after December 31st.

1954 HOLIDAYS

The Main Library and all library branches will be closed on the following days in 1954

Friday, January 1 - New Year's Day
Friday, February 12 - Lincoln's Birthday
Monday, February 22 - Washington's Birthday
Monday, May 31 - Memorial Day
Tuesday, June 1 - State Primary Election
Monday, July 5 - Independence Day
Monday, September 6 - Labor Day
Thursday, September 9 - Admission Day
Tuesday, November 2 - State General Election
Thursday, November 11 - Armistice Day
Thursday, November 25 - Thanksgiving Day
Saturday, December 25 - Christmas

LIBRARY WEEK - MARCH 8 to 13, 1954 - DETAILS IN OUR NEXT ISSUE.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner
Director of Library Service

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BOOK USE

COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS	November 1953	November 1952
Bookmobile	9,350	
Calla	375	326
Clements	186	117
Collegeville	103	99
Davis School	0	
Escalon	1,926	1,031
Farmington	0*	88
Greenwood	110	63
Lafayette	275	215
Lathrop	184	102
Linden	263	311
Live Oak	342	387
Lockeford	116	222
Manteca	2,337	1,924
Nile Garden	62	54
Peters	249	242
Ripon	3,495	2,916
S.J. County-School of Nursing	49	45
State Hospital	1,256	3,897
Thornton	607	341
Tracy	3,838	2,444
Woodbridge	425	388
CITY BRANCHES		
Fair Oaks	3,760	3,660
North Branch	8,675	4,240

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GENEALOGICAL BOOKS

The California State Library follows a liberal policy in lending its genealogical books, and has asked that borrowing libraries exercise special care in handling this type of material. Genealogical books are generally expensive and difficult to replace, are in many instances fragile, and are in great demand. The State Library has asked that the following be observed: 1. Have the books used with special care; 2. return books promptly--have back in the mail within ten days; 3. take extra precautions in packing them for return shipment; 4. insure the return shipment if the package was insured when received.

CHANGE IN TELEPHONE NUMBERS

The following changes are being made in telephone numbers in the Stockton library agencies effective on February 28, 1954:

Main Library	HOward 6-8595
Fair Oaks Branch	HOward 4-2171
North Branch	HOward 5-9111

Please note these changes in the Library Directory.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

For the past fifteen months the Main Library and the two Stockton branch libraries have not required registration as a prerequisite to borrowing books for home use. Since with the IBM book charging system each book slip is in itself a registration all that has been required is some identification, such as a driver's license, which carries the name, address and signature of the borrower. It has proved successful, and there has been no increase in loss of books. The saving in clerical time and supplies has been considerable.

As a result of studies made of this experiment, it has been decided that this policy will be followed in all the library system's agencies. Mr. Benson will visit all of the branches and stations within a very short time to explain the system in detail to all branch assistants.

BEST SELLERS OF 1953

The latest Publisher's Weekly list the best selling novels and non-fiction of 1953. It is interesting to note that the two top novels are on religious themes and that seven of the ten top selling non-fiction titles are religious titles. This growing interest is also evident in the greatly increased use of religious books in this system.

Fiction	Non-fiction
1. Douglas - THE ROBE	1. The Holy Bible: Revised Standard Version
2. Costain - THE SILVER CHALICE	

Fiction

3. Selinko - DESIREE
4. Uris - BATTLE CRY
5. Jones - FROM HERE TO ETERNITY
6. Gann - THE HIGH AND THE MIGHTY
7. Cronin - BEYOND THIS PLACE
8. Hilton - TIME AND TIME AGAIN
9. Shellabarger - LORD VANITY
10. Williams - THE UNCONQUERED

Non-fiction

2. Peale - THE POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING
3. Kinsey - SEXUAL BEHAVIOR IN THE HUMAN FEMALE
4. Rogers - ANGEL UNAWARE
5. Sheen - LIFE IS WORTH LIVING
6. Marshall - A MAN CALLED PETER
7. Morgan, ed. - THIS I BELIEVE
8. Oursler - THE GREATEST FAITH EVER KNOWN
9. Armour - HOW TO PLAY YOUR BEST GOLF
10. Adler - A HOUSE IS NOT A HOME

All books are in our collection except Adler's *A house is not a home*.

NATIONAL BOOK AWARDS

The awards for the best books of 1953 made by the book industry have been announced.

Fiction: Bellow, Saul - THE ADVENTURES OF AUGIE MARSH
Non-fiction: Catton, Bruce - A STILLNESS AT APPOMATTOX
Poetry: Aiken, Conrad - COLLECTED POEMS

All of the above are in the library's collection. These and the best sellers listed above may be borrowed through the Extension Department if they are not in your branch collection.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner
Director of Library Service

BOOK USE

		1953		1952
MAIN LIBRARY				
Adult	196,024		194,253	
Children's	62,533		51,573	
		258,557		245,826
CITY BRANCHES				
Fair Oaks		44,904		41,866
North Branch		64,227		49,074
CITY SCHOOLS		40,769		29,569
BOOKMOBILE		72,801		12,206
COUNTY BRANCHES				
Escalon		20,992		19,742
Manteca		26,541		25,232
Ripon		35,029		33,018
Thornton		5,559		1,933
Tracy		41,045		37,577
COUNTY STATIONS				
Calla		5,933		5,636
Clements		1,735		1,577
Greenwood		779		693
Lafayette		3,947		2,458
Lathrop		4,764		1,694
Linden		3,754		3,626
Live Oak		4,582		4,752
Lockeford		1,415		2,131
Nile Garden		741		726
Peters		2,760		1,556
S.J. Co. - School of Nursing		482		1,758
State Hospital		20,817		33,829
Woodbridge		5,109		3,975
OTHER AGENCIES		2,497		33,597*
TOTAL CIRCULATION		671,192		595,251

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* Includes circulation to County Schools (Contract discontinued June 30, 1952).

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GOLDEN EMPIRE DISTRICT MEETING

The annual meeting of the Golden Empire District of the California Library Association will be held at the University of California at Davis, Saturday, March 27. Any staff members who plan to attend should notify the Office if they wish transportation to and from Davis.

CORRECTION IN HOLIDAY LISTING

Please correct your list of holidays on which library agencies will be closed. June _1_ - State Primary Election, should read June _8_.

TELEPHONE LISTINGS

The telephone company inadvertently listed the Stockton branch libraries under the Stockton Fire Department. If you should get inquiries on the branch library telephone numbers, refer to the January 1954 _Newsletter_ or to the yellow section of the telephone book under _Libraries - Public_.

LENTEN READING LISTS

Two religious reading lists have been issued for use during the Lenten season. The one for children--_Before I go to sleep_--is being distributed by several churches to their Sunday Schools. If you should have inquiries for enough copies for such distribution, please forward the request to the Extension Department.

The adult list, _God and Man_, is being distributed by some churches to the entire congregation and by others to organizations within the congregation. Requests for quantity supplies should be referred to the Extension Department.

FAIR OAKS FILM SERIES

The Fair Oaks branch in Stockton has begun a series of film programs aimed primarily at the teen-ager. The first was given on February 10 and was successful in bringing in some who were not library users. The series will continue with another program on February 24 and every second Wednesday for the remainder of the spring.

PERSONNEL

Randall Huffman, the senior janitor, has resigned because of poor health. He is being replaced by _Frank Anderson_ on a provisional appointment. No appointment has been made as yet to fill Mr. Anderson's position.

Ora Strunk of the Catalog Department has resigned and moved to Lafayette. Carmen Curley has accepted a probationary appointment as Senior Clerk and will take over Mrs. Strunk's duties.

Charles Goughler has resigned as Clerk to enter the Navy. His duties have been assigned to Jean Sugioka who has accepted a probationary appointment as Clerk.

Sincerely,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner
Director of Library Service

BOOK USE JANUARY

		1954		1953
MAIN LIBRARY				
Adult	20,325		19,446	
Children's	5,056	25,381	5,496	24,942
CITY BRANCHES				
Fair Oaks		3,888		3,930
North Branch		9,341		5,010
City Schools		8,735		8,118
BOOKMOBILE		8,735		7,059
COUNTY BRANCHES				
Escalon		2,354		1,517
Manteca		2,882		2,101
Ripon		3,855		3,609
Thornton		641		351
Tracy		3,830		3,191
COUNTY STATIONS				
Calla		427		251
Clements		106		130
Greenwood		110		93
Lafayette		354		343
Lathrop		196		493
Linden		294		369
Live Oak		298		416
Lockeford		109		89
Nile Garden		65		60
Peters		202		218
School of Nursing		22		31
State Hospital		829		3,249
Woodbridge		386		351
TOTAL CIRCULATION		70,889		65,334

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PERSONNEL

Mrs. Dolores Padilla has resigned as Junior-Typist-Clerk in the Main Library's Circulation Department. She has been replaced by Helen Hong.

Mrs. Jeanette DeVault has resigned as Senior Clerk in the Tracy Branch Library. She has been replaced by Mrs. Marjorie Ann Burnett.

NEW BUILDING PLANS

A model of the new main library building has arrived, and is being displayed at various group meetings in Stockton.

The plans and specifications are more than 95% complete, and a short period of intensive work by the library administration, department heads and the architect, will bring this phase of the work to a close. The mayor has asked the Citizen's Civic Improvements Committee to restudy the capital improvement program, and to make recommendations for any needed rescheduling of projects. Naturally we are hoping that the library's construction date will be moved forward several years since the new location and building are badly needed now.

NOTABLE BOOKS

Distribution has been made to all library agencies of the American Library Association list of Notable Books for 1953. The library has all books on the list except one title, Wheeler-Bennett's Nemesis of power, which we will try to borrow for any library user who wishes to read it. Any of the other titles on the list, and not in your collection, may be requested from the Extension Department.

STAFF MEETINGS

The orientation course which a large percentage of staff finished a short time ago is being followed up by a series of panel discussions by staff members on library problems. The March meeting was on professional and non-professional duties, the April 27 meeting will be on book selection and censorship.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING WORKSHOP

The California State Library, with the cooperation of the University of California School of Librarianship, the Fresno County and Los Angeles Public Libraries, has planned three identical all-day workshops and demonstrations on the training of non-professional library assistants in the use of reference books. We plan to send several staff members to the meeting in Sacramento on Thursday, May 13, 1954. The workshop will include discussions of various training techniques, an actual demonstration of the use of materials with non-professional library assistants as trainees, followed by an evaluation of the methods used.

We hope to have a training course for non-professional assistants in the city and county branches in the near future and expect to acquire some pointers on training at this workshop.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner
Director of Library Service

BOOK USE

COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS	Feb. 1953	Feb. 1954	Mar. 1953	Mar. 1954
BOOKMOBILE	5,320	7,534	7,248	8,825
CALLA	448	461	538	489
CLEMENTS	88	164	170	166
COLLEGEVILLE	156	126	170	128
ESCALON	1,499	2,320	1,878	2,794
GREENWOOD	104	92	149	147
LAFAYETTE	283	411	314	355
LATHROP	557	245	682	252
LINDEN	294	281	341	270
LIVE OAK	363	359	379	396
LOCKEFORD	108	91	128	110
MANTECA	2,073	3,014	2,244	3,357
NILE GARDEN	67	62	65	66
PETERS*	168	180	260	
RIPON	2,814	3,442	3,783	4,634
S.J. COUNTY-SCH. OF NURSING	37	24	12	30
STATE HOSPITAL	2,431	663	2,326	685
THORNTON	249	617	316	1,040
TRACY	2,775	3,704	3,445	4,836
WOODBRIDGE	408	278	253	503
CITY BRANCHES				
FAIR OAKS	3,579	3,614	4,733	4,562
NORTH BRANCH	4,317	8,914	4,766	10,837

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PERSONNEL

Mrs. Lois C. Keys, Junior Librarian in the Extension Department, has retired after more than fourteen years service. For many years she was in charge of the Fair Oaks Branch while it was in the Fair Oaks School. When the branch was moved into its own building she was assistant to the branch librarian. For the past year and a half she has been assigned to the Extension Department headquarters.

Aldo J. Rossi, Junior Librarian in the Reference Department, has resigned to enter the U.S. Army. No replacement has been named pending establishment of a new civil service list for this position.

Joy Larsen, Clerk assigned to public services, was married to James Perkins in April and has resigned. The Perkinses plan to live in Sonora.

Patricia Barron has accepted a probationary appointment as Junior Typist Clerk and has been assigned to the Extension Department.

Lillie Marshall has accepted a provisional appointment as Junior Typist Clerk and has been assigned to the Reference Department.

Sadie Chan has accepted a probationary appointment as Clerk and is assigned to the public service departments.

Mary Ann DeCicco, Junior Typist Clerk in the Reference Department, has been reassigned to the Administrative Office and the Circulation Department.

Frank Lavorato, Clerk at the Fair Oaks Branch, has been awarded a scholarship at the University of San Francisco, and will begin his studies there this fall.

Mrs. Edna Kelly has returned to library service on a part-time basis as a Junior Librarian in the Reference Department.

PULITZER AWARDS

The Pulitzer Prizes for 1954 have been announced:

Biography: Lindbergh, Charles. The Spirit of St. Louis
History : Catton, Bruce. A stillness at Appomatox.
Drama : Patrick, John. The teahouse of the August Moon. (Play not available. We do have the novel by Vern Sneider on which the play was based.
Poetry : Roethke, Theodore. The waking.

All of the above, if not in your collection, may be requested through the Extension Department. There was no award for fiction.

STAFF MEETINGS

At the Staff meeting of April 27, Miss Fowler, Supervising Order Librarian, outlined the library's policy in selecting books which are of a controversial nature; Mr. Rossi of the Reference Department spoke on censorship and the stand of various library organizations on attempts at censorship; Mr. Koping of the Administrative Office told of group and individual pressures on the administration for banning of books and how these attempts at censorship have been handled.

At the Staff meeting of May 14, Mrs. Hazel Williams, Supervisor of the Business Office of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, spoke on the overtones of courtesy. She emphasized the need of developing a truly courteous and helpful attitude--one which is not assumed, but which arises out of a genuine liking for people and a sincere desire to be of service to the library user. Outlines of the points covered by Mrs. Williams will be sent to all library agencies.

REFERENCE WORKSHOP

Three members of the library staff--Joe Benson, Supervising Extension Librarian, Patricia Clark, Supervising Reference Librarian, and Violet Soracco, Senior Clerk at Fair Oaks, attended the Reference Workshop at the State Library on May 13. Our projected series of meetings for branch personnel on reference work will, in part, be determined on their observations of this demonstration training session.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Plans for the summer reading program for children have been completed. Mr. Benson and Miss Bedinger are now explaining the mechanics of the program to all branch personnel concerned. The program will be carried on from June 15 to August 20 in the Main Library, and the following branches: Fair Oaks, North, Escalon, Manteca, Ripon, Thornton, Tracy and at the summer reading deposit at Davis School. Story hours will be given weekly beginning June 20 in four city parks in Stockton and in Tracy and Manteca. Times and places for these story hours will be announced locally.

In 1953 a total of 1,085 children registered in Stockton and county branches. 10,070 book reports were received. Norman Hong, of Stockton, read 130 books to set the record for the summer. The total story hour attendance in 1953 was 1,255.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner
Director of Library Service

BOOK USE

	April 1954		April 1953	
MAIN LIBRARY				
Adult	18,739		16,582	
Children	4,525		5,025	
City Schools	5,664		3,040	
Total		28,928		24,647
CITY BRANCHES				
Fair Oaks	3,644		4,240	
North	9,075		4,717	
Total		12,719		8,957
Total City		41,647		33,604
BOOKMOBILE		9,425		8,370
COUNTY BRANCHES & STATIONS				
Calla	278		419	
Clements	113		179	
Collegeville	143		122	
Escalon	2,177		2,231	
Greenwood	151		103	
Lafayette	294		426	
Lathrop	262		624	
Linden	234		320	
Live Oak	359		354	
Lockeford	101		67	
Manteca	2,671		2,212	
Nile Garden	64		67	
Peters	0		264	
Ripon	3,288		3,781	
S.J. County-Sch. of Nursing	40		45	
State Hospital	580		2,005	
Thornton	674		439	
Tracy	4,162		3,349	
Woodbridge	506		516	
Total County Branches & Stations		16,037		17,770
TOTAL CIRCULATION		67,109		59,744

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PERSONNEL

Mrs. Effie Mitchell, branch assistant at the Escalon Branch since October 1929, will retire from library service on July 31. During her long tenure at Escalon, the branch has maintained its lead as the busiest branch in volumes circulated per capita. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

Vidal Mata, Senior Clerk in the Extension Department, has resigned effective June 15. He will attend the College of the Pacific this summer, continuing his graduate studies.

Mrs. Marjorie Burnett, recently appointed Senior Clerk at Tracy, has resigned to join her husband who has been transferred. Mrs. June Brinegar has been appointed to the vacancy.

Elaine Gregory, librarian of the Willets Road School, East Williston, Long Island, New York, has accepted a summer appointment as Junior Librarian. She has a long background of work in school and branch library work in the New York City area. She will arrive July 6 and remain through August.

Mrs. Lois Higman has accepted a provisional appointment as Junior Librarian in the Reference Department. Mrs. Higman is a graduate of this year's class at the School of Librarianship at Berkeley. Before going to library school, she had been for several years the librarian of the Auburn (California) Public Library. She will report for duty on July 6.

Betty Yee, Junior Typist Clerk in the Order Department, was married to Jim Fong on June 6 at the Central Methodist Church. She will continue working at the Library.

Patricia Clark, Supervising Reference Librarian, will attend the American Library Association Conference in Minneapolis, June 20-26. Miss Clark will spend her vacation in the mid-West immediately following the conference.

The personnel plan for the North Branch as set up in the current budget provided for a Branch Librarian, Senior Clerk, and a part-time clerk. The Branch Librarian's position will be filled very shortly from the civil service list which is now being compiled for this job.

Mrs. June Heisinger who has held a temporary appointment as part-time Senior Clerk at the branch since November 1946 has resigned effective July 1. Mrs. Charlotte Greene, temporary part-time Junior Typist Clerk since May 1951, has resigned effective June 12. Mrs. Ruth Eby is continuing on a part time basis as Senior Clerk. These women have done an outstanding job in developing this branch and it is with much regret that we see them leave.

Jean Sandberg, Junior Typist Clerk in the Circulation Department of the Main Library, has accepted a probationary appointment as Senior Clerk at the North Branch, effective July 1. Sarah Scott has been given a provisional appointment to Miss Sandberg's position at the Main Library.

LODI RECORD COLLECTION

The Lodi Public Library has recently started circulating phonograph records. Miss Amy Boynton, Lodi Librarian, is building a carefully selected collection which will undoubtedly prove as popular in Lodi as the record collection in the Stockton Library has in its area.

NEW BUILDING

The League of Women Voters and the American Association of University Women have petitioned that the tentative date of construction of the new main library building be reconsidered, and that construction be started as soon as possible. The actual date of construction is now being considered by the Mayor's committee on the public works program.

READING IN BED

"There are certain books which by general consent and usage have come to be reckoned more appropriate bed-books than others....Yet although it is plain that reading in bed is an inborn faculty and natural to most bookmen, the choice of book blending curiously with the mood...the pleasure must not be so intense as to banish the desire to sleep...bed-books must not disturb or rasp the nerves, and sleep being ultimately necessary, they should lull the mind into an exquisite slothfulness, fusing body and brain into a glow, with sleep waiting apart to be wooed willingly....

"Of all books, then, I take that kind which we call rambling and discursive to be the best...they shall be neither boring nor too exciting; interesting on every page but dramatic nowhere, with a stream of event but no definite break, in short, I say, works of culture or urbanity which may be opened and enjoyed at any page, as Boswell's Johnson, Burton's Anatomy of Melancholy, the Reliquiae Wottonianae, The Doctor by Southey, Walpole's Letters, Pepy's Diary, Greville's Journals, The Complete Angler, Montaigne's Essays, Evelyn's Diary, the Religio Medici, the Works of Francis Rabelais, Tristam Shandy, Don Quixote, Gil Blas, the Decameron, the Essays of Charles Lamb, Plutarch's Lives....and for poetry, what richer bed-books than the Golden Treasury or the Oxford Book, mines of purest English Song the sweetest in the World, our best product, our true soul's viaticum; with such books in health or sickness, going to bed, or staying in bed perforce, becomes a holiday, upon which we may thank God for such a gift: Deus nobis haec otia fecit [God procured for us this leisure].

From: The Anatomy of Bibliomania by Holbrook Jackson, p. 262-3.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner
Director of Library Service

BOOK USE

	May 1954		May 1953	
MAIN LIBRARY				
Adult	17,273		15,713	
Children	4,567		4,829	
City Schools	5,563		7,375	
Total		27,403		27,917
CITY BRANCHES				
Fair Oaks	2,963		4,080	
North	8,967		4,559	
Total		11,930		8,639
Total-City		39,333		36,556
BOOKMOBILE		5,541		4,261
COUNTY BRANCHES & STATIONS				
Calla	535		550	
Clements	211		183	
Collegeville	108		130	
Escalon	2,043		1,957	
Farmington	0*		157	
Greenwood	120		0	
Lafayette	357		384	
Lathrop	206		494	
Linden	278		359	
Live Oak	311		434	
Lockeford	75		91	
Manteca	2,541		2,227	
Nile Garden	64		72	
Peters	0*		249	
Ripon	3,647		3,665	
S.J. County-Sch. of Nursing	39		62	
State Hospital	517		2,381	
Thornton	655		470	
Tracy	3,692		3,193	
Woodbridge	394		392	
Total-County Branches & Stations		15,793		17,450
TOTAL CIRCULATION		60,667		58,267

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EXCERPTS FROM THE DIRECTORS ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The world of books is opening out to the residents of Stockton and San Joaquin County. Evidence of this is found in the startling growth of library usage in this county. During this past year - 1953-54, over 730,000 books were taken home for reading or study by people, a 17% increase over the previous year.

Television and other so-called threats to the pleasures and pursuit of reading appear myths in the face of this experience. In the past ten years there has been a 87% increase in library usage; 59% of this increase has occurred in the last five years.

52% of this year's book circulation, or 383,152 books, were issued to residents of the county living outside of Stockton. Most of this growth has been steady but in two instances it has been spectacular - at North Branch and in the Bookmobile service.

Two trends are particularly evident in a review of the year: The increase in usage of books of subject interest as contrasted to books of fiction, and the phenomenal growth of children's book use. The children's reading program is at last organized and although there are still too few books to meet the needs of children and young people throughout the county, those that are available are getting heavy use.

This situation makes one sad as well as glad because the library collection contains only 52,000 books for children and the rate of usage is such that within five years time the collection will be worn out. Our present rate of additions is about 6,000 volumes a year - a $12,000 investment which cannot begin to meet the need.

We know that we are not reaching all the children who should have access to books but our present budget does not support an enlarged program. Since children form their reading habits in childhood, and since a literate public is essential to a functioning democracy, we sincerely hope that plans to strenghten this program can be carried forth in the future.

The need for an additional Bookmobile is pointed up by this usage. Such a mobile unit allows the library to be placed within easy reach of the child. I should like to recommend strongly that we plan for and provide an additional mobile library for use beyond the five mile limitation imposed on the present operating machine.

We need also to develop an adequate book collection for the use of our teen-agers. The insistent and continuous demands of the primary age groups leave little for the development of a young people's service.

It seems ironic to spend millions of dollars yearly on education generally and to provide no means or materials for stimulating and developing young people's minds and interests. We realize that books are not the only means for doing this but books do provide perspective and knowledge, two tools needed by individuals in their adjustment to life.

PERSONNEL

The following probationary appointments have been made from the Civil Service lists:

Branch Librarian

Isabel M. Benson has accepted a probationary appointment as Branch Librarian, North Branch Library. The appointment is effective September 1, 1954.

Junior Typist Clerk

Mrs. Della L. Campbell, assigned to the Extension Department, effective August 2, 1954.

Mrs. Jean Sugioka, assigned to the Reference Department, effective August 2, 1954.

Miss Mary M. Plarinos, assigned to the Circulation Department, effective August 9, 1954.

Clerk

Mrs. Marion E. Frush, assigned to North Branch and Main Library, effective August 2, 1954.

County Branch Assistant

Miss Sydna Ellis, assigned to the Escalon Branch, effective July 19, 1954.

The following provisional appointments have been made:

Junior Librarian

Mrs. Agnes Gellert, assigned to the Children's Department, effective July 7, 1954. Mrs. Gellert studied at the University of Colorado, received her B.A. degree from Washington University in St. Louis, and her B.S. in librarianship from Columbia University. She has also studied at the University of Grenoble and in Vienna and Budapest. Her professional experience includes work at the New York Public Library and with the Army Library Service in Munich, Germany.

George W. Stanbery has accepted a provisional appointment as Bookmobile Librarian, effective August 18, 1954. He is a graduate of Carson-Neman College, and has done graduate study at the University of Tennessee and the University of Pittsburgh. He holds a Master of Library Science degree from the Carnegie Institute of Technology. His latest library position was in the reference department of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh.

The following resignations have been received:

Senior Clerk

Fred Tulan, Circulation Department, effective August 7, 1954, to accept a teaching position.

Junior Typist-Clerk

Miss Patricia Barron, Extension Department, effective July 21, 1954, to accept another position.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS, 1953-54

	1952/3	1953/4
MAIN LIBRARY		
Adult	189,935	207,830
Childrens	57,178	61,792
Schools	43,878	48,323
CITY BRANCHES		
Fair Oaks	43,674	43,769
North	51,590	94,535
BOOKMOBILE	47,652	82,362
COUNTY BRANCHES		
Escalon	17,194	23,515
Manteca	27,716	31,170
Ripon	33,434	36,792
Thornton	3,723	7,748
Tracy	37,262	47,148
COUNTY STATIONS		
Calla	5,655	5,597
Clements	1,568	1,772
Collegeville	1,437	1,259
*Farmington	1,490	167
Greenwood	733	951
Lafayette	3,315	3,815
Lathrop	4,012	1,994
Linden	3,789	3,403
Live Oak	4,812	4,342
Lockeford	1,764	1,387
Nile Garden	774	773
*Peters	2,543	1,751
School of Nursing	470	452
State Hospital	29,600	11,435
Summer Camps	897	1,625
*Vernalis	161	0
Woodbridge	4,203	5,387
	623,410	731,820

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Margaret Klausner
Director of Library Service

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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

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FEDERATED WOMEN'S CLUBS: HOME READING PROGRAM

Together with the California State Library, your public library is serving the home reading program of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. The local program is being carried on under the supervision and direction of the president of the San Joaquin Federated Clubs who is Mrs. Norman M. Bush of Rt. 2, Box 234, Lodi.

Members of the clubs who are participating in the program are required to read a total of 36 books from selected lists. Upon completion of the program they become members of the honor society, Epsilon Sigma Omnicron. This society is organized to encourage individual club members to read and study systematically.

Following is an outline of how the program works:

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The California State Library:

Has prepared the reading lists
Will provide copies of the lists for local use

The program is built about the topic Our American Heritage and the reading course is broken into eight sub-topics and lists: Famous Americans; Folklore and Humor in America; Responsibilities of Citizenship; Our California Shrines; Musical America; Traditional American Living; American Art and Artists; and Regionalism in America.

The Public Library, Stockton and San Joaquin County:

Will make the reading lists and reviewing lists available
Will loan the books required
Will accept the completed reviews and will route these on to the Home Library chairman of the county.

The County Federation of Women's Clubs:

Will through its president, Mrs. Bush:

Appoint Home Reading Chairmen for each interested club
Publicize the program
Cooperate with the library in the distribution of lists and collection of reviews
Maintain a list of all enrollees and report to the State Home Reading chairman the names of those who complete the course.

The State Home Reading Chairman:

Will act as liaison between the California State Library, the State Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation Chairman of Epsilon Sigma Omnicron
Will issue a certificate of completion to enrollees at the annual state convention.

Complete lists and reviews will be issued and accepted at these points:

Stockton: Public Library, Market and Hunter; Mrs. Lois Higman, Reference Department
Lodi : Public Library; Miss Amy Boynton, Librarian
Tracy : Public Library; Mr. James Petrella, Librarian

These people are familiar with the program and will work personally with the enrollees.

All other branches and stations can borrow books and accept reviews which will be routed to the Extension Department for final disposition.

Any questions concerning the program should be referred to the people mentioned above or to Mr. Benson in the Extension Department.

PERSONNEL

The following appointments have been made:

Senior Librarian (Provisional)

Sherman Spencer, effective September 4, 1954. Mr. Spencer is on the staff of the College of the Pacific Library, and has accepted a part-time appointment to help in cutting down the great back log of work to be done on the music collection.

Senior Clerk (Probationary)

Della Stahley, effective 16 September 1954. Mrs. Stahley has been promoted, through examination, from her clerk's position in Processing to Senior Clerk in the Circulation Department, replacing Fred Tulan. She has been replaced in the Processing Section by Mrs. Marion Frush, who was transferred from the North Branch.

Elizabeth Borovic, effective 16 September 1954. Miss Borovic has been assigned to the Extension Department, replacing Mrs. Spanos who was on a temporary appointment.

Clerk (Provisional)

Carl Drennan, effective 2 September 1954. Part-time assignment to Main Library public services.

Lewis Robertson, effective 1 September 1954. Part-time assignment to North Branch Library. He replaces Marion Frush.

Andrea Bisagno, effective 7 September 1954. Part-time assignment to Fair Oaks Branch Library. She replaces Frank Lavorato.

The following resignations have been received:

Junior Librarian

Agnes Gellert, effective 8 September 1954. No replacement has been named.

Clerk

Frank Lavorato, effective 28 August 1954.

Scholarships

Frank Lavorato has accepted a scholarship to the University of San Francisco, where he has recently begun his pre-law studies.

David King has received a scholarship to the College of the Pacific. He will continue to work at the Main Library in a part-time position.

Both of these men are to be highly commended for excellent scholastic records in their preparatory school work, and we wish them much success.

1955 BUDGET

The County Board of Supervisors has granted an increase of $9,439.00 in the fund allocation to the City of Stockton for a total of $123,956.00 for library service to county residents in 1955. The increased allocation allows no expansion of service, but will result in a considerable increase in book funds for the county operation.

The total budget for city-county library service has been sent to the City Manager for review and presentation to the City Council. This budget merely attempts to hold the line and support the large increases in library use of the past few years. No unusual expansion of services is planned in this budget request.

EMPLOYEES HANDBOOK

The present edition of the library's Employee's Handbook is scheduled for revision and reprinting in early 1955. Please re-read your copy, and if their are any points which are not clear, or if there is further information which you would like to see included, send your comments and suggestions to Mr. Koping.

NEW PERSONNEL MANUAL

A revision of the Personnel Manual has just been issued. The manual consists of the official civil service class definition for each position and detailed job descriptions of every library position. Much of the revision is based on the survey made during the late spring of this year. A copy is on file in each department and may be consulted on request to your supervisor.

SUMMER READING CLUB PROGRAM

Below are the statistics for the summer reading program:

Library	Registration	Book Reports	Certificates Issued
Main	508	4,782	243
Fair Oaks	194	2,880	109
North	346	2,554	113
Bookmobile	335	1,362	67
Tracy	310	4,264	117
Manteca	113	846	45
Ripon	50	531	27
Escalon	53	524	31
Thornton	34	665	25
Davis School	58	381	40
TOTALS	2,001	18,789	817

Statistically it was a successful reading program. However, it is questionable that any child benefits greatly by reading 196 books in 8 weeks, as the high ranking reader did, and there were others who read from 125 to 168 books during the same period.

Only the exceptional child can read 4 to 5 books a day on his grade and reading level and retain much of anything--much less have time for any outdoor recreation. The reading club is not set-up to set records for the number of books read, but rather as a stimulus to intelligent, pleasurable reading. The average child should be encouraged to read the ten books qualifying him for a certificate, and perhaps a few beyond this. All aspects of a contest should be minimized, though perhaps nothing can be done to discourage the child (and parent) determined to set a new record. More children in future reading programs should be encouraged to read a reasonable number of books so that more than 40% of the registrants finish future programs.

CLASSROOM VISITS TO LIBRARY AGENCIES

As has been the custom the past few years, schools have been encouraged to bring classes to the nearest library agency at a regularly scheduled time to get books for recreational reading. Below is a tabulation of the number of classes scheduled to visit the various agencies during the 1954/5 school year.

Agency	No. of Schools	No. of Classes
Bookmobile	10	92
Fair Oaks Branch	1	11
Ripon Branch	2	14
Escalon Branch	1	11
Thornton Branch	1	6
Lafayette Station	1	2
TOTALS	16	136

There may be later additions to the above branch schedules, and the total will eventually be considerably greater when the assignments to the North and Tracy Branches are finally established.

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

An association for the betterment of the lot of city employees is in the process of formation. About 98% of the library employees have joined. If the three hold-outs are interested in joining, please see Mr. Benson. This is your association, and through your interest and support of its long range program you can help get many of the rights and benefits which it is impossible for the library administration to obtain without your help.

REPORTING OVERDUE NOTICES SENT

This is to remind you to please submit , on the reverse side of the monthly report form, a tabulation of the number of first, second and third overdue notices sent during the month. In addition list the number of books in each overdue category. Below is a suggested form:

	No. Notices Sent	No. Books Overdue
First		
Second		
Third		

BOOK USE

	August 1954		August 1953	
MAIN LIBRARY				
Adult	15,945		15,439	
Children	5,535		5,969	
City Schools	0		0	
Total		21,480		21,408
CITY BRANCHES				
Fair Oaks	3,122		2,517	
North	9,457		3,609	
Total		12,579		6,126
Total-City		34,059		27,534
BOOKMOBILE		5,404		3,005
COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS				
Calla	0*		510	
Clements	157		136	
Collegeville	108		87	
Escalon	1,608		1,316	
Greenwood	0		0	
Lafayette	99		284	
Lathrop	375		245	
Linden	312		337	
Live Oak	394		432	
Lockeford	0		141	
Manteca	2,799		2,302	
Nile Garden	69		62	
Peters	0		217	
Ripon	1,989		1,548	
S.J. County-Sch. of Nursing	33		25	
State Hospital	786		935	
Thornton	695		585	
Tracy	5,065		3,379	
Woodbridge	266		541	
Summer Stations	1,201			
Total-County Branches & Stations		15,956		12,135
TOTAL CIRCULATION		55,419		42,674

*No report received at time of compilation

Sincerely yours,

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STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

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PERSONNEL

The following appointments as clerks have been made:

Jonathan Barnes, part-time assignment to Fair Oaks Branch

Joan Franks, part-time assignment to the Ripon Branch

Ophelia Smith, part-time assignment to the North Branch

Eileen Lujan, full-time probationary appointment the Main Library public services.

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Violet Soracco, senior clerk at the Fair Oaks Branch, is being transferred to the Extension Department at the Main Library.

Ruth Bell, full-time provisional appointment as senior clerk, assigned to Fair Oaks Branch.

Sadie Chan, full-time probationary appointment as Junior Typist-Clerk, Circulation Department.

Mary Denton, Junior Typist-Clerk, Circulation Department, has resigned. She and Mr. Denton are moving out of the state.

Ruth Oppenheimer has accepted a probationary appointment as Junior Librarian (Children's work). She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California (Berkeley) in 1951 and her degree in librarianship from the same school in 1954.

PETERS STATION

The Peters Station is being reopened in its old location in the Peters' Store. Mr. Jack Shaw has taken over both the store and the library deposit station.

NOBEL PRIZE, 1954

This year's Nobel prize for literature has been awarded to Ernest Hemingway for his contributions to literature, and especially for The Old Man and The Sea. The library has most of the books he has written and they may be requested from the Extension Department.

STAFF MEETINGS

Beginning Wednesday, January 5, 1955 at 8:30 a.m. and every other Wednesday thereafter through May, a series of meetings on personnel training and supervision will be given. The following persons will be required to attend: all department heads, all senior librarians and the bookmobile librarian.

The general staff meetings will be held on the following days at 8:30 a.m. Subjects for discussion will be announced before each meeting.

December 15, 1954	March 23, 1955
January 26, 1955	April 20, 1955
February 23, 1955	May 18, 1955

LIBRARY USE, 1954

It now seems certain that for the first time in its history this library system will circulate more than three-quarters of a million books in the calendar year. By mid-November last year's record circulation of 671,000 had been passed and use of most library facilities continues to accelerate. The tentative 1955 budget does not allow for any expansion of book collection, personnel hours, or points of service to accomodate this increased load, which means all staff members must continue to work at top capacity and make the most intensive use of all library materials to satisfy increasing public demands.

BOOK WEEK, 1954

In addition to displays of Children's books at all library branches during Book Week, Miss Bedinger, Supervising Children's Librarian spoke to a great number of school classes. She and Miss Oppenheimer also entertained several classes with tours of the Main Library and story-telling sessions. One of these visits resulted in an unusual illustrated brochure from the first grade of the Washington School expressing thanks for a pleasant visit. The uninhibited and observant drawings are wonderful!

BOOKS AND FILMS FOR CHRISTMAS

The library has again compiled a list of books for Christmas giving which has been distributed to all library agencies.

The library owns four Christmas films which may be borrowed for group showings. They must be checked out at and returned to the Main Library. The films are:

A CHRISTMAS CAROL. 10 min. b&w.
The Charles Dickens' favorite, starring English actor, Alistair Sim.

MERRY CHRISTMAS. 12 min. b&w.
The Vienna Choir Boys sing carols as they prepare for a Christmas celebration.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS. 11 min. color.
The Bell Singers sing such favorites as: Joy to the World, O Come All Ye Faithful, What Child is This? Silent Night and Good King Wenceslaus while animated drawings depict the familiar lines.

SILENT NIGHT: STORY OF THE CHRISTMAS CAROL. 13 1/2 min. color.
Filmed in Austria, this story visualizes the historical and dramatic factors that contributed to the writing of the Christmas carol in Oberndorf in 1818. The film tells of the village priest who wrote the words of the song and of the choirmaster who performed the music.

LOCKEFORD TALK

Miss Klausner and Mr. Benson attended the November meeting of a parents group in the old Lockeford School. Miss Klausner spoke on books and reading and discussed problems of library service in the Lockeford area.

COMMUNITY, YOUTH AND WELFARE COUNCIL

Miss Bedinger and Miss Klausner are delegates to the Stockton Community, Youth and Welfare Council which is getting under way in the city and county. Miss Klausner has been appointed to the board of directors.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING

An in-service orientation series of ten lectures and discussions for ten new staff members of the Stockton branches and the Main Library has just been completed. A similar series is projected for 1955 for branch library assistants in which reference work, circulation techniques, children's work and public relations will be discussed and analyzed.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner,
Director of Library Service

BOOK USE

	Sept. 1953		Sept. 1954		Oct. 1953		Oct. 1954	
MAIN LIBRARY								
Adult	14,805		14,935		15,934		17,027	
Juvenile	4,044		3,679		4,190		4,783	
City Schools	0		0		4,007		2,836	
Total		18,849		18,614		24,131		24,646
CITY BRANCHES								
Fair Oaks	3,798		2,730		4,157		3,723	
North	6,216		8,321		7,253		8,519	
Total		10,014		11,051		11,410		12,242
Total-City		28,863		29,665		35,541		36,888
BOOKMOBILE		5,960		9,553		8,359		10,813
COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS								
Calla	571		736*		540		314	
Clements	119		163		148		121	
Collegeville	122		54		81		45	
Escalon	1,723		1,804		1,835		2,310	
xFarmington	12		-		-		-	
Greenwood	45		56		112		56	
Lafayette	426		281		317		448	
Lathrop	225		368		225		379	
Linden	298		338		315		356	
Live Oak	427		410		399		382	
Lockeford	139		0**		122		38	
Manteca	2,022		2,471		2,302		2,776	
Nile Garden	61		64		71		65	
Peters	244		0		240		0	
Ripon	2,644		1,962		3,466		2,805	
S.J.County-Sch. of Nursing	43		36		51		99	
State Hospital	769		580		807		709	
Thornton	425		470		495		501	
Tracy	2,601		3,549		3,236		3,753	
Woodbridge	484		379		434		365	
Summer Stations	947		0		0		0	
Total-County		14,344		13,658		15,196		15,522
Total Circulation		49,170		52,876		59,096		63,223

* Includes August Circulation

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STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

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Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

REPORTS

PLEASE TURN IN YOUR DECEMBER 1954 REPORTS BEFORE JANUARY 4TH.

CHRISTMAS EVE

All library agencies will close at noon on December 24, except those very few otherwise notified. All full time personnel will report at 8:30 a.m. and work until 12 noon regardless of their usual Friday schedule. Part time employees will work their regularly scheduled hours if they fall within their morning hours. Other part time employees will lose their hours unless otherwise notified.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

All library agencies will close at 6 p.m., Friday, December 31. All full time employees will work a 7 1/2 hour day and part time employees will work their regular schedule unless otherwise notified.

JEWISH LIFE AND LITERATURE

A short list on Jewish life and literature was compiled in honor of Jewish book month. It was distributed through the Jewish Community Center and copies are available at the Main Library and branch libraries. If you could use additional copies, please request through the Extension Department.

WORKSHOP ON STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Miss Klausner has been asked to take part in a workshop of the American Library Association on the revision of old and setting up of new standards for American public libraries. The meeting will be held in Chicago, February 5-9, 1955.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

The Children's Department is sponsoring the following Christmas-centered programs for children. Miss Ruth Oppenheimer and Miss Anne Bedinger will be the story tellers. The film will be "Silent Night, the story of a song."

December 15	Ripon Branch	10 a.m.	Stories
December 16	Escalon Branch	10 a.m.	Stories
December 18	North Branch	10 a.m.	Stories
December 18	Main Library	11 a.m.	Film and stories
December 20	Thornton Branch	3 p.m.	Film and stories
December 21	Fair Oaks Branch	3:30 p.m.	Stories
December 21	Tracy Branch	3:30 p.m.	Film and stories
December 22	Manteca Branch	2:30 p.m.	Stories
December 23	Sierra Vista Community Bldg.	3 p.m.	Stories

HOLIDAYS, 1955

All library agencies will be closed on the following days in 1955. Please mark your calendars.

Saturday	January 1	New Year's Day
Saturday	February 12	Lincoln's Birthday
Tuesday	February 22	Washington's Birthday
Monday	May 30	Decoration Day
Monday	July 4	Independence Day
Monday	September 5	Labor Day

Friday	September 9	Admission Day
Friday	November 11	Veterans Day
Thursday	November 24	Thanksgiving
Monday	December 26	Christmas (Christmas on Sunday)

Library agencies will be open on October 12, Columbus Day.

NEW LIBRARY SITE

The City Council at its meeting on December 13th authorized the purchase of the Simpson property which with the Hewlett property (already owned by the city) will be the site of the new main library building.

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TO ALL THE STAFF -- A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner
Director of Library Service

BOOK USE

	November 1953		November 1954	
MAIN LIBRARY				
Adult	16,369		18,625	
Juvenile	4,538		4,511	
City Schools	3,824		9,153	
Total		24,731		32,289
CITY BRANCHES				
Fair Oaks	3,760		3,646	
North	8,675		9,032	
Total		12,435		12,678
Total-City		37,166		44,967
BOOKMOBILE		9,350		11,372
COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS				
Calla	375		390	
Clements	186		140	
Collegeville	103		66	
Escalon	1,926		2,374	
Greenwood	110		76	
Lafayette	275		416	
Lathrop	184		387	
Linden	263		360	
Live Oak	342		364	
Lockeford	116		84	
Manteca	2,337		3,086	
Nile Garden	62		70	
Peters	249		101	
Ripon	3,495		2,700	
S.J. County- School of Nursing	49		50	
State Hospital	1,256		758	
Thornton	607		542	
Tracy	3,838		3,763	
Woodbridge	425		323	
Summer Stations	0		0	
Total-County		16,198		16,050
Total Circulation		62,714		72,389

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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

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SUPERVISORS' TRAINING COURSE

All department heads, branch librarians and senior librarians are now attending a library sponsored course on personnel supervision and management of ten one and one-half hour sessions.

The course covers the following aspects of supervision:

What makes a good supervisor
Management of the supervisor's job
Communication
Inducting the new employee
Training-how to teach a job
Standards of performance
Performance rating
Handling grievances
Discipline
Leadership

The examination will be based on the class discussions of the above topics and material in the collateral reading list.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Mrs. Marion Frush, clerk in the Mending Section has resigned. She has been replaced by Mrs. Florence Stimson who was appointed from the current civil service list for clerks.

Mrs. Estela Chubb, who for several years was Miss Klausner's secretary, has accepted a position with the San Mateo Public Library.

Miss Gertrude Laird, Senior Librarian in the Extension Department, will leave February first to head the Extension Department of the Lansing, Michigan Public Library. We wish her much success and happiness.

Mrs. Edna Kelly, who has previously held several positions in the library, will return to take over Miss Laird's position.

DIAMOND JUBILEE

The Stockton Public Library will celebrate its 75th anniversary beginning this year. The foundation of the library was authorized by the Common Council on April 5, 1880; the first meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on June 1, 1880, and the free public library opened its door to the public on January 27, 1881. The first annual report states that at the end of the first year of service the library had on its shelves 3,141 volumes and that the total circulation was 10,521--compare this with our collection of 351,607 not including non-book items and a circulation of 778,684.

GENERAL STAFF MEETINGS

Following are the dates for the general staff meetings for the next few months. All meetings begin at 8:30 a.m. sharp.

Wednesday, January 26, Main Library, Mr. Lilly, Stockton City Manager, speaker

Wednesday, March 2, North Branch Library, 111 West Harding, Mrs. Benson will speak on North Branch service and activities

Wednesday, March 23, Main Library, Supervision: a panel on what management expects of you and what you expect of management and the job

Wednesday, April 20, Main Library, Subject to be announced

Wednesday, May 18, Main Library, Subject to be announced.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klau

Margaret Klausner
Director of Library Service

BOOK USE

	1953		1954	
MAIN LIBRARY				
Adult	196,024		215,226	
Juvenile	62,533		63,534	
City Schools	40,769		56,981	
Total		299,326		335,741
CITY BRANCHES				
Fair Oaks	44,904		44,039	
North	64,227		110,490	
Total		109,131		154,529
Total-City		408,457		490,270
BOOKMOBILE		72,801		93,791
COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS				
Calla	5,933		4,740	
Clements	1,735		1,737	
Collegeville	1,403		1,172	
Escalon	20,992		24,913	
Farmington	932		0	
Greenwood	779		890	
Lafayette	3,947		3,522	
Lathrop	4,764		3,732	
Linden	3,754		3,686	
Live Oak	4,582		4,373	
Lockeford	1,415		1,004	
Manteca	26,541		33,886	
Nile Garden	791		787	
Peters	2,760		583	
Ripon	35,029		34,907	
S.J. County-School of Nursing	482		482	
State Hospital	20,817		7,922	
Thornton	5,559		7,780	
Tracy	41,045		51,467	
Woodbridge	5,109		5,004	
Summer Stations	1,565		2,036	
Total-County		189,934		194,623
Total Circulation		671,192		778,684

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STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

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NATIONAL BOOK AWARDS

The annual National Book Awards have been announced. The award for fiction has been made to William Faulkner for A Fable; for non-fiction to Joseph Wood Krutch for The Measure of Man; for poetry to Wallace Stevens for Collected Poems; and a special citation was awarded to E.E. Cummings for his Poems: 1923-1954

All of these are in the library's collections, and if not at present in your collection, they may be requested through the Extension Department.

RECENT LISTS

The American Library Association list of Notable Books of 1954 is ready for distribution. All of the 35 titles listed are in the library collection and may be obtained through the usual channels.

Toward Brotherhood, the Brotherhood Week list, and Highways to Faith, the Lenten reading list, have been distributed. Quantity lots of the Lenten list for church groups may be requested through the Extension Department.

PERSONNEL

Jonathan Barnes, part-time clerk at the Fair Oaks Branch, resigned at the end of the College semester to accept a position with Boeing Aircraft in Seattle. He has been replaced by Marianne Fuhrman.

Ronald Marcye, part-time clerk at the Tracy Branch, has resigned to enter the Navy. He has been replaced by Clair Allen.

Miss Helen Kremer has accepted an appointment as Senior Librarian (Work with Children and Young People) effective about March 1, 1955. Miss Kremer is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin with a diploma in library science. She has rich experience in many fields of library work, Children's work in Fond du Lac, Akron, Los Angeles; branch work in Akron; public library consultant in Michigan, Wisconsin and California.

Miss Gertrude Kaufman, branch librarian at Fair Oaks, has announced her engagement to Mr. Ben Plotkin of Turlock. The wedding will be in June. Miss Kaufman will leave the library system at the end of May.

NEW MAIN LIBRARY BUILDING PLANS

The Citizen's Library Building Advisory Committee and the City Council Library Committee have held several meetings with the architect, the library administrative staff and city officials. At a meeting on February 15, the plans were further discussed and were given tentative approval. They will be presented to the City Council on February 21 for approval. The cost has been estimated at $1,830,000.

It now is necessary for the City Council to find ways and means to finance the building costs. Consideration of this factor will be discussed in future meetings.

NEW STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Miss Klausner was one of some 40 librarians who met in Chicago February 5-9, to reevaluate the present standards for public libraries and to work on a draft for a new statement. She reports that the meetings were busy and fruitful and that out of them should come realistic and usable standards.

CHARGING PROCEDURE

A statement of the procedure to be used in charging books which are to be returned at another library agency has been issued to all branches using IBM charging. If you have any questions please ask for clarification.

CALIFORNIA LIBRARY WEEK

Library Week will be generally observed throughout California from March 6 to 13. This library system will make no special effort to celebrate the week this year since plans are being developed to focus attention on our diamond jubilee celebration.

CALENDAR

Feb. 18 - Public Administrators of North California (Sacramento) 1:30 p.m.
Feb. 18 - Golden Empire District (CLA) Dinner Meeting (Sacramento) 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 21 - Stockton City Employees Association Dinner-Civic Auditorium 7 p.m.
Feb. 22 - Washington's Birthday (all libraries closed)
Feb. 23 - Ash Wednesday
Feb. 23 - Order Meeting (Main Library Committee)
Feb. 23 - Branch librarians meeting
March 2 - Supervisors' Training Session
March 2 - Order Meeting (Branch librarians)
March 2 - City Employees Association Meeting
*March 9 - General Staff Meeting - North Branch, 8:30 a.m.
March 9 - Branch librarians meeting
March 16- Supervisors Training Session
March 23- General Staff Meeting - Main Library

*This is a corrected date.

Sincerely yours,
Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner
Director of Library Service

BOOK USE

	Jan. 1955		Jan. 1954	
MAIN LIBRARY				
Adult	22,000		20,325	
Juvenile	5,061		5,056	
City Schools	9,397		5,535	
Total		36,458		30,916
CITY BRANCHES				
Fair Oaks	4,007		3,888	
North	10,222		9,341	
Total		14,229		13,229
Total-City		50,687		44,145
BOOKMOBILE		10,105		8,806
COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS				
Calla	375		427	
Clements	140		106	
Collegeville	108		98	
Escalon	2,688		2,354	
Greenwood	178		110	
Lafayette	419		344	
Lathrop	314		196	
Linden	322		294	
Live Oak	362		298	
Lockeford	198		109	
Manteca	3,244		2,882	
Nile Garden	67		65	
Peters	116		202	
Ripon	4,009		3,855	
S.J. County-Sch. of Nursing	30		22	
State Hospital	737		829	
Thornton	462		641	
Tracy	4,674		3,830	
Woodbridge	452		386	
Summer Stations	0		0	
Total-County		18,895		17,048
Total Circulation		79,687		69,999

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THE LIBRARY BOND ISSUE

The big news of the month is the City Council's decision of March 7th, to put the question of the new library building on the ballot of the special election of April 12th as a bond issue. Though the time is short, an intensive campaign to win the bond issue is now under way. The San Joaquin County Taxpayers' Association has come out in opposition to the issue but many groups and organizations have come out in favor of the library bonds. Among these are the Stockton Council of the PTA, the Stockton Council of Churches, the Stockton Council of Church Women, the Central Labor Council, the League of Women Voters, the Association of University Women and many others. Apparently public sentiment is on the side of the library, and the big problem is to GET OUT THE "YES" VOTE since it will be difficult to get the necessary two-thirds majority unless all those in favor of the new library make every effort to cast their "yes" vote. Should the bond issue carry the new building will get under way as soon as possible.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Betty Fong, Junior Typist Clerk in the Order Department, has resigned effective 18 March 1955. She has been replaced by Mrs. Elizabeth Wong, who was appointed from the current civil service list for Junior Typist Clerks.

Mrs. Della Campbell, Junior Typist Clerk in the Extension Department, has resigned effective 31 March 1955. No replacement has been named.

Mrs. Eileen Lujan, Clerk assigned to Public Services, has resigned effective 31 March 1955. No replacement has been named.

Miss Helen Hong, Junior Typist Clerk in the Circulation Department, has resigned effective 15 April 1955. Miss Hong is being married to Hay Lee on April 17th.

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BOOK USE

	Feb. 1955		Feb. 1954	
MAIN LIBRARY				
Adult	19,099		19,021	
Juvenile	5,042		4,997	
City Schools	4,878		3,495	
Total		29,019		27,513
CITY BRANCHES				
Fair Oaks	3,581		3,614	
North	9,679		8,914	
Total		13,260		12,528
Total-City		42,279		40,041
BOOKMOBILE		8,449		7,484
COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS				
Calla	383		461	
Clements	152		164	
Collegeville	111		126	
Escalon	2,513		2,320	
Greenwood	112		92	
Lafayette	295		411	
Lathrop	339		245	
Linden	332		281	
Live Oak	336		359	
Lockeford	169		91	
Manteca	3,092		3,014	
Nile Garden	61		62	
Peters	118		180	
Ripon	3,642		3,442	
S.J. County-School of Nursing	37		24	
State Hospital	681		663	
Thornton	545		617	
Tracy	4,327		3,704	
Woodbridge	449		278	
Summer Stations	0		0	
Total-County		17,694		16,534
Total Circulation		68,422		64,059

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

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Director of Library Service

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STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

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LIBRARY BOND ISSUE FAILS

The bond issue for the new library building failed to get the necessary two-thirds majority of the votes cast at the April 12th election. What action will now be taken on the new building program has not yet been determined by the City Council.

CALIFORNIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION GOLDEN EMPIRE DISTRICT MEETING

Twelve members of the library staff attended the intensive one-day workshop on personnel supervision which comprised the Golden Empire District meeting for 1955. The meeting was held at the Sacramento State College Library. The morning session was devoted to introducing and indoctrinating the new employee; the afternoon session to training the employee. The library supervisory personnel present picked up many new ideas and valuable pointers to use in their departmental training programs.

BUDGET STRETCHING WORKSHOP

Several members of the staff will take part in a workshop on budget stretching through improved technical processes, which is being sponsored by the State Library June 1-4 at Sacramento. Though we feel we have something to offer we expect to learn much through participation in these four days of intensive study. Subjects covered will include improvement of registration and circulation routines and methods and the technical processes related to cataloging of library materials.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Inez Sattler has been transferred from the Children's Room to the Extension Department.

Anone Hoyt has been promoted to Junior Typist Clerk and is assigned to the Circulation Department. The appointment was made from the current civil service list.

Thelma Coons has accepted a probationary appointment as Junior Typist Clerk and is assigned to the Children's Room.

Annie Fong and Eleanor Wiggins have accepted a probationary appointments as Clerks. They have been assigned to the public service departments.

Marianne Fuhrmann has resigned as Clerk at the Fair Oaks Branch, effective 13 May 1955. Kathryn Evans will replace her.

Gertrude Kaufman, librarian at Fair Oaks, was married to Ben Plotkin of Turlock on April first. Her resignation as Branch librarian becomes effective on May 27. No replacement has been named.

Jean Sandberg, Senior Clerk at the North Branch, has resigned effective on June 18th in order to devote full time to her college studies. No replacement has been named.

PULITZER PRIZES

The Pulitzer Prizes for 1954 have been announced.

Novel:	Faulkner, William	Fable
Drama:	Williams, Tennessee	Cat on a hot tin roof
Music:	Menotti, Gian-Carlo	Saint of Bleeker Street
History:	Horgan, Paul	Great river
Biography:	White, Williams	Taft story
Poetry:	Stevens, Wallace	Collected poems

Any of the above, with the exception of the recording of the Saint of Bleeker Street, may be requested through the Extension Department for use in branches and stations.

1955/56 COUNTY BUDGET

The 1955/56 budget for county library service has been presented to the County Board of Supervisors. The budget holds the line pretty well with no unusual extension of services or personnel in existing agencies, but does ask for an additional bookmobile to serve the rural areas of the county, and the books and personnel to service the additional vehicle. The total budget requested totals $153,301.00 for county service only.

1955 SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

Plans for the Summer Reading Clubs are all ready to start rolling as soon as school is over. In the next week or so Miss Bedinger and Miss Kremer will be explaining the mechanics of the program to all the schools throughout the county and to all branch personnel concerned. The program will be carried on from June 13 to August 13 in the Main Library, Fair Oaks, North, Escalon, Manteca, Ripon, Thornton, and Tracy branches , the Bookmobile, Davis School, and probably at Glenwood and French Camp Schools.

In 1954 a total of 2,089 children registered and over 18,000 book reports were received.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret

Margaret Klausner
Director of Library Service

BOOK USE

	Mar. 1955		Mar. 1954		April 1955		April 1954	
MAIN LIBRARY								
Adult	21,623		21,618		21,181		18,739	
Juvenile	5,364		5,822		5,510		4,525	
City Schools	5,228		8,561		7,011		5,664	
Total		32,215		36,001		33,702		28,928
CITY BRANCHES								
Fair Oaks	4,009		4,562		3,367		3,644	
North	10,882		10,837		10,648		9,075	
Total		14,891		15,399		14,015		12,719
Total-City		47,106		51,400		47,717		41,647
BOOKMOBILE		10,373		8,669		6,780		9,423
COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS								
Calla	545		489		351		278	
Clements	132		166		144		113	
Collegeville	137		128		137		143	
Escalon	3,430		2,794		2,592		2,177	
Greenwood	136		147		156		151	
Lafayette	272		355		209		294	
Lathrop	349		252		322		262	
Linden	327		270		326		234	
Live Oak	375		396		445		359	
Lockeford	186		110		106		101	
Manteca	3,562		3,357		3,403		2,671	
Nile Garden	68		66		67		64	
Peters	124		0		93		0	
Ripon	4,298		4,634		3,373		3,288	
S.J. County-Sch. of Nursing	52		30		49		40	
State Hospital	1,127		685		480		580	
Thornton	658		1,040		661		674	
Tracy	5,511		4,836		4,475		4,162	
Woodbridge	464		503		369		506	
Summer Stations	0		0		0		0	
Total-County		21,753		20,258		17,758		16,037
Total Circulation		79,232		80,327		72,255		67,107

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STILL IN PRINT

No - we have not ceased publication. The pressures of increased workloads, staff shortages, the tidal wave left by the bond issue try and vacation dislocations have disrupted ordinary procedures and routines.

FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT

Will people read? Our past year's experience says Yes. Given the books people will read - over 816,000 volumes went home in 1954-1955. This is a 12% increase over the previous year.

We were particularly impressed with the record of children's books read - over 395,000 for the age group 5 to 15 years. "When fear is expressed over the effect of comic books on children it should be remembered that this nation spends four times more money yearly on comic books than it spends on all public library service. Perhaps if good reading were made available easily to children and young people, the comic book threat would disappear. Children will read if books are provided."

A statistical summary of the year's work is attached.

SUMMER READING CLUBS

Over 1,800 children registered and participated in the summer reading clubs. 561 certificates were issued to those who had completed and reported on 10 or more books. Clubs were active at Stockton, Escalon, Tracy, Thornton, Manteca, Ripon and Glenwood. No prizes were given for number of books read since the purpose of the program was to develop interest and pleasure in reading for children and not to run a competitive contest.

COUNTY WIDE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Beginning September 19th, Miss Helen Kremer, Senior Librarian in Work with Children and Young People, will inaugurate a coordinated program in the county and rural areas for developing public library service to children.

The objectives of this program are:

To strengthen children's library service in county areas
To evaluate present service
To aid local librarians in planning and executing of children's service
To strengthen and coordinate over-all pattern of library service for city and county

Miss Kremer will work in the Thornton area and in Escalon, Ripon and Manteca from September 19th to January 1st when the program will be evaluated and schedules for the future developed.

FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

The library's plan to exhibit its services and the Bookmobile at the San Joaquin County Fair fell through when the space it had been allocated was sold to a commerical exhibitor. Fortunately, the Lodi Grape Festival is allocating good space for the exhibit so the pieces, displays and materials which had been developed can be used there.

September 17-18 are the dates - watch for the library exhibits. Lodi Public Library will have a display in the festival building and the county library will show on the green.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

October 25-29 are the dates for the annual meeting of the County librarians and the California Library Association to be held at San Jose.

Various members of the library staff will attend these meetings which will cover a variety of topics such as library standards, public library development, intellectual freedom and book selection, standards of literary quality for children's books, audio-visual materials and services, and numerous others. The keynote for this year's conference is "Better Libraries through Cooperation." Mrs. Carma Zimmerman, California State Librarian and President of the California Library Association, will preside.

IN SERVICE TRAINING

A plan for a regular series of in service training is being developed. At present the Extension Department holds weekly meetings of branch librarians. From now until January these meetings will be scheduled to cover discussion of branch procedures, children's reading and book selection. Following these meetings and Miss Kremer's experience in the field, we plan to develop a series of in-service training for Branch library assistants in the spring.

On October 12 there will be an all day meeting of branch and station personnel at Stockton, Arrangements will be made with you to cover your schedules. Following is the program for that day:

8:30 A.M.	General staff meeting
9:00 A.M.	Tour of library facilities at Stockton
10:00 A.M.	Coffee
10:15 A.M.	The Public Library in the Community - Margaret Klausner
11:00 A.M.	Discussion
11:30 A.M.	Your Public Relations and How To Maintain Them - Joseph Benson
12:00	Luncheon
1:30 P.M.	Film on library practices
2:00 P.M.	Discussion
2:30 P.M.	Questions and Problems Outline program for future

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Mrs. Ruth Bell, Senior Clerk in the Fair Oaks Branch Library, was married to Mr. Salvador Correa on May 28th.

Miss Ophelia Smith, Clerk at the North Branch Library, has recently been married. She is now Mrs. Ophelia Boswell.

Mrs. Lorna Maynard, Clerk in the Catalog Department, became the bride of Mr. James Ericksen in June and is planning on leaving around the first of October to reside in Palo Alto.

Miss Sydna Ellis of Escalon resigned August 15th to enter Whittier College this fall. She has been replaced by Mrs. Marian Tregoning of Escalon.

Mrs. Lois Higman, Junior Librarian in the Reference Department at Stockton, has resigned effective September 15th to accept the position of Reference Librarian at the College of the Pacific.

Mrs. June Brinegar, Senior Clerk at Tracy, has resigned for family reasons and has been replaced by Mrs. Elizabeth Martin of Tracy.

Mr. W. Kearney Leeper, a graduate of Columbia University Library School and with extensive experience in organizing and developing civil information and education centers in Japan and Korea from 1948 to 1954, has been appointed Branch Librarian of the Fair Oaks Branch Library, Stockton.

Miss Olga Krueger who formerly worked in the library while attending the College of the Pacific has been holding a temporary position as Library Assistant, dividing her time between the North Branch Library and the Bookmobile. She will leave in November to continue her schooling at the University of Washington.

Mrs. Wilhelmina Wilson, vacation substitute at the Manteca Library, has also been appointed Clerk on the branch schedule.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner
Director of Library Service

PUBLIC LIBRARY - STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY - 1954-1955

		Total	To Stockton Residents	To County Residents
Books taken home		816,715*	385,543	431,172
Adult books taken home		420,898	214,872	206,026
Juvenile books taken home		395,817	170,671	225,146
Book use in:	Stockton	515,810	343,674	172,136
	Bookmobile	96,115	41,869	54,246
	Tracy	54,924		54,924
	Manteca	36,561		36,561
	Escalon	27,856		27,856
	Ripon	34,826		34,826
	Thornton	7,256		7,256
	County Stations	43,367		43,367

* 12% increase over 1953-1954

Books borrowed by County Residents	52%
Books added to collection	15,583
Titles added to book collection	4,267
Information and research transactions	41,338

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

September - October

September 14 - STAFF MEETING - Stockton Public Library

15 - STOCKTON YOUTH & WELFARE COUNCIL MEETING - Luncheon. Executive Board Meeting - Stockton - Miss Margaret Klausner

15 - ASSOCIATION OF CHILDREN'S LIBRARIANS - San Francisco - Miss Bedinger and Miss Kremer

17-18 - LODI GRAPE FESTIVAL - Lodi - Library Exhibits

19 - BOOKMOBILE SCHOOL SCHEDULE BEGINS

21 - BRANCH LIBRARIANS - Procedure manuals - Stockton Public Library

22 - STOCKTON LEISURE TIME COORDINATING COMMITTEE - New teachers "Get Acquainted" night - 7:30 P.M. - Haggin Museum - Stockton

28 - BRANCH LIBRARIANS - Work with children - Stockton Public Library

ADULT BOOK ORDER MEETING - Stockton Public Library

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S ANNUAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS MEETING - Stockton - 7:30 P.M.

October 3 - KBET-TV - Sacramento - Miss Klausner is guest on Library Program

5 - BRANCH LIBRARIANS - Procedure - Stockton Public Library

12 - GENERAL STAFF MEETING - Stockton Public Library

BRANCH AND STATION ASSISTANTS MEETING - Stockton Public Library - 8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

14 - PUBLIC LIBRARY EXECUTIVES OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA - Sacramento

19 - BRANCH LIBRARIANS - Procedures - Stockton Public Library

25 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE COUNTY LIBRARIANS OF CALIFORNIA - San Jose

26 - BRANCH LIBRARIANS - The Best in Children's Books - Stockton Public Library

26-29 ANNUAL CONFERENCE - California Library Association - San Jose

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BRANCH ASSISTANT'S MEETING

The first of a series of in-service training meetings for Branch Assistants and Branch Librarians was held in Stockton October 12. Highlight of the day was the get-acquainted luncheon at Minnie's, attended by 44 people from city and county agencies of the library.

The place of the library in the community and public relations were the chief topics of discussion in this introductory session, which also included tours of the main library and North Branch.

Suggested topics for future training and discussion include basic reference, the branch procedure manual, simple mending, displays, work with children, and various other things of interest.

The following people attended the first meeting: Mrs. Zoe Strong, Manteca; Mrs. Marian Tregoning, Escalon; Mrs. Sylvesta Freshour, Ripon; Mrs. Betty Martin, Tracy; Mrs. Fred Strong, Linden; Mrs. E.J. Lind, Nile Garden; Mrs. Ophelia Boswell, North; Mr. Jim Petrella, Tracy; Mrs. Isabel Benson, North; Mr. Kearney Leeper, Fair Oaks; and from Headquarters - Miss Margaret Klausner, Mrs. Edna Kelly and Mr. Joe Benson.

The time, place, and topic of the next meeting will be announced soon.

CLA CONFERENCE

The library was well represented at the annual conference of the California Library Association at San Jose.

Preceding the conference Miss Klausner attended the State Librarian's 44th annual meeting of California county librarians. Agenda for this meeting was devoted to the community survey and to discussions of scientific means and methods of analyzing services and problems.

Highlights of the conference were Thos. Finletter's discussion of intellectual freedom and national defense in which he pointed out the dangers to the future of our democracy that lie in the irrational attacks which have been made against peoples civil rights. He complimented the nation's librarians on the firm and courageous stand they have taken in defense of attacks made on man's right to read.

Theme of the conference was cooperation and our staff members participated in the many discussion groups built around the topic.

Public Library Section - Meetings and Workshops Sections - covering the topics of Cooperation - What the law permits; Cooperation - Building the Book collection; and Cooperation - Where do we go from here?, were attended by Miss Klausner, Mr. Benson, Miss Fowler, Mr. Leeper, Mrs. Benson, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Olson.

Miss Bedinger and Miss Kremer attended the meetings on Library Work with Boys and Girls including the annual banquet at which Mrs. Frances Clark Sayers was guest speaker.

Special meetings on standards, audio-visual materials, California History, book selection, legislation, cooperative administration, in-service training, public relations, state publications, and serial acquisitions were also attended.

Miss Klausner participated in a panel on public library standards and reported for the committee on Library Development and Standards.

In all it was a very busy and stimulating conference.

LITERARY PRIZES

The Nobel Prize for Literature for 1955 was awarded to Halldor Laxness of Iceland. The library has two of his titles - Independent People and Salka Valka, - which may be requested through the Extension Department if they are not in the branch collection.

The Commonwealth Club of California has made the following awards for the best books written by Californians:

Everett Carter for Howells and the age of realsim
Louise A. Steintorf for Beyond the hundreth meridian
C.S. Forester for The nightmare
Paul I. Wellman for Glory, God and gold
Leonard Wibberley for Epics of Everest
David Lavender for Bent's Fort

LOOKING AHEAD

A new monthly publication Looking ahead: publications of current interest on government is being issued by this library. It is an annotated list of books, periodicals articles, federal, state and local publications on governmental problems. Distribution is being made to city, county and district officials.

OUR AUTHORS

The July issue of News Notes of California Libraries has an article on cataloging costs by Grace Olson, and one on IBM circulation costs by Margaret Klausner.

PERSONNEL

Patricia Clark, Supervising Reference Librarian since 1950, resigned November 1 to accept the position of head librarian of the Daly City Public Library.

Sereta Lacy, who has held a variety of positions in this library since joining the staff in 1950, has been appointed Supervising Reference Librarian. Mrs. Lacy had a wide background of reference and supervisorial work before coming to Stockton in municipal and federal libraries.

Ernestine Smutny has been named Senior Calaloger, replacing Mrs. Lacy. Mrs. Smutny is a graduate of the College of William and Mary and has a Master of Arts degree from Columbia University in addition to her BLS from the University of California. She has held positions in the libraries of Syracuse University, the University of California and the University of New Mexico.

Ruth Oppenheimer, Junior Librarian in Work with Children and Young People, resigned effective 15 October.

Frances Rugen, has accepted a temporary appointment as Junior Librarian in the Children's Room. Miss Rugen is a graduate of the University of California and has a Masters degree in Librarianship from Western Reserve University. She has held positions in the Fresno County Library, U.S. Naval Training Center library, Great Lakes, Illinois and the Chapman College Library.

Waldemar Klundt has been appointed Junior Librarian in the Reference Department. Mr. Klundt is a graduate of North Dakota Agriculatural College, and after teaching for several years returned to college and received his M.A. in Librarianship from the University of Denver in August 1955.

Allene Bascom has been appointed from the current civil service list as Clerk in the Mending and Processing section.

Frances Sanders has been appointed as Library Assistant from the current Civil Service list, and has been assigned to North Branch. She will replace June Heisinger who has held a "temporary" appointment for a record time of ten years.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner
Director of Library Service

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Nov. 13 - 19 - National Book Week

15 - Miss Klausner on station KCVR at 1 P.M. with Mrs. Norman Bush of the County Federation of Women's Clubs on Know Your Library.

16 - United Crusade annual dinner, Stockton - Miss Klausner

16 - General Staff Meeting-Conference Reports - 8:30 A.M.

18 - 19 - Youth Organizations Looking at the Future - a workshop sponsored by College of the Pacific and the California Youth Authority - Miss Klausner, Miss Kremer and Miss Klausner

23 - Branch Librarian's - Procedures

24 - Thanksgiving Day

30 - Branch Librarian's - Primary materials for Children

Dec. 2 - California Library Association Golden Empire District Meeting - Stockton - 6:30 P.M. - New Frog Inn

7 - Branch Library Assistant's - Primary reference tools - Stockton

14 - General Staff Meeting

21 - Branch Librarians - Teen Age reading

28 - No meeting

BOOK USE

	Sept. 1955		Sept. 1954		Oct. 1955		Oct. 1954	
MAIN LIBRARY								
Adult	14,843		14,935		16,680		17,027	
Juvenile	3,412		3,679		4,414		4,783	
City Schools	0		0		1,488		2,836	
Total		18,255		18,614		22,582		24,646
CITY BRANCHES								
City Hall	4		0		12		0	
Fair Oaks	2,545		2,730		2,827		3,723	
North	9,045		8,321		9,279		8,519	
Total		11,594		11,051		12,118		12,242
Total-City		29,849		29,665		34,700		36,888
BOOKMOBILE		7,665		9,553		12,503		10,813
COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS								
Calla	288		736(Aug & Sept)		362		314	
Clements	105		163		137		121	
Collegeville	52		54		85		45	
Escalon	1,622		1,804		2,377		2,310	
Greenwood	0		56		103		56	
Lafayette	344		281		313		448	
Lathrop	391		368		398		379	
Linden	284		338		337		356	
Live Oak	399		410		380		382	
Lockeford	72		0		97		38	
Manteca	3,101		2,471		3,201		2,776	
Nile Garden	71		64		63		65	
Peterson Hall	35		0		26		0	
Ripon	1,976		1,962		3,154		2,805	
S.J. County-Sch. of Nursing	56		36		59		99	
State Hospital	698		580		609		709	
Thornton	441		470		582		501	
Tracy	3,425		3,549		3,748		3,753	
Woodbridge	383		379		360		365	
Total-County		13,743		13,658		16,391		15,522
Total Circulation		51,257		52,876		63,594		63,223

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Good news from heav'n the angels bring,
  Glad tidings to the earth they sing:
To us this day a Child is giv'n,
  To crown us with the joy of heav'n.

German chorale - 1535

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Carmen Curley, Senior Clerk in the Catalog Department, has resigned. Mrs. Pauline Minke has been appointed from the current Civil Service list to fill the vacancy.

Olga Krueger who has been working as a Library Assistant on the Bookmobile has resigned to return to the School of Librarianship of the University of Washington where she will receive her degree in Librarianship at the end of the school year.

HOLIDAYS - 1956

Please mark these dates on your calendar. All library agencies will be closed on the following days in 1956.

January 2 - New Year's Day - Monday
February 13 - Lincoln's Birthday - Monday
February 22 - Washington's Birthday - Wednesday
May 30 - Memorial Day - Wednesday
June 6 - State Primary Election - Tuesday
July 4 - Independence Day - Wednesday
September 3 - Labor Day - Monday
September 10 - Admission Day - Monday
November 6 - National Election Day - Tuesday
November 12 - Veterans' Day - Monday
November 22 - Thanksgiving Day - Thursday
December 25 - Christmas - Tuesday

Library agencies will be open on Friday, October 12 (Columbus Day).

SURVEY DATES, 1956

The survey of use of library materials in 1956 will be made in agencies using IBM charging on the basis of the book charges due on the following days:

Monday, January 30
Tuesday, February 21
Wednesday, March 14
Thursday, April 5
Friday, May 18
Saturday, June 2
Monday, July 30
Tuesday, August 21
Wednesday, September 12
Thursday, October 4
Friday, November 9
Saturday, December 1

Be sure to mark your calendar for these days.

NEW MAIN LIBRARY TELEPHONE NUMBER

The telephone number at the Main Library has been changed again. The new number is HOward 6-5091. The numbers at the city branches remain the same.

CALIFORNIA LIBRARY WEEK

The 1956 statewide celebration of Library Week will be during the second week in March. Plans for our observance of the week will be under way soon.

BRANCH ASSISTANTS MEETING

On Wednesday, December 7th, the assistants from the branch libraries of the city and county met in Stockton for an all day session on Reference and information services.

Miss Klausner, Mr. Benson and Mrs. Lacy discussed the function of the library in the community, the scope and extent of information and reference service given, problems faced in giving service and methods of handling requests and inquiries. Mrs. Lacy presented a film and instruction on the *World Almanac*.

A follow-up meeting is planned for February.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - JANUARY 1956

January 1, 1956 - HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 4, 1956 - Branch Librarians - Procedures - Stockton P.L.

January 11 - Branch Librarians - Teen Age Reading - Stockton P.L.

January 12 - Stockton Youth & Welfare Council Meeting - Executive Board Meeting - Clark Hotel
January 12 - Association of Children's Librarians - Anne Bedinger - S.F.

January 18 - Book Order Meeting - Stockton P.L.

January 20 - Northern California Film Circuit Meeting - Frank Jones - Modesto

January 25 - General Staff Meeting - Stockton P.L.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner
Director of Library Service

BOOK USE

	November 1955		November 1954	
MAIN LIBRARY				
Adult	17,955		18,625	
Juvenile	4,384		4,511	
City Schools	8,027		9,153	
Total		30,366		32,289
CITY BRANCHES				
City Hall	15		0	
Fair Oaks	3,261		3,646	
North	9,867		9,032	
Total.		13,143		12,678
Total-City		43,509		44,967
BOOKMOBILE.		11,664		11,372
COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS				
Calla	386		390	
Clements.	156		140	
Collegeville.	53		66	
Escalon	2,955		2,374	
Greenwood	105		76	
Lafayette	357		416	
Lathrop	393		387	
Linden	368		360	
Live Oak	311		364	
Lockeford	96		84	
Manteca	3,713		3,086	
Nile Garden	65		70	
Peters	0		101	
Peterson Hall	20		0	
Ripon	3,042		2,700	
S.J. County-Sch. of Nursing	76		50	
State Hospital.	735		758	
Thornton.	569		542	
Tracy	3,995		3,763	
Woodbridge	309		323	
Total-County		17,704		16,050
Total Circulation		72,877		72,389

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STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

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PERSONNEL

William E. Andrews has accepted the appointment as Library Administrative Assistant, replacing Mr. Koping who leaves on February 29. Mr. Andrews is a graduate of the University of Oregon, and has an M.A. in Librarianship from the University of Denver. Since receiving his library degree in 1948 he has been librarian of the North Platte (Nebraska) Public Library. He will arrive during the first half of February.

Mrs. Betty Fong has accepted a position as Junior Typist Clerk in the Circulation and Extension Departments. She will begin work on February 1st.

Mrs. Alice Johnson is working on a temporary appointment as Library Assistant in the Children's Department of the Main Library. Mrs. Johnson is well-known to the staff having worked as a children's librarian from 1928-1943.

Diane Price joins the staff on February 1st as Library Assistant for the Fair Oaks Branch. She replaces Mrs. Correa who leaves on February 10th.

HOLIDAYS, 1956 - CHANGE IN DATE

A typographical error in the last Newsletter lists the primary election day as June 6. Please change this to Tuesday, June 5.

1955 ANNUAL REPORT

Compilation of the 1955 report is under way. Preliminary study shows that most library agencies had increases during the year. The total circulation was 810,905, the highest in the history of the library system - and a 4.1% increase over the preceeding year. Corresponding increases are noted in all phases of the library operation.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM ANNUAL REPORT

	1954	1955
Total Books Issued	778,684	810,905
Adult Books Issued	401,763	423,075
Children's Books Issued	376,921	387,830
Books added to collection	15,560	
Books repaired	14,633	
Informational questions answered-	41,046	

SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

The City Manager has requested that during the interim budget period (January through June - due to the change in fiscal year) that expenditures for supplies and equipment be kept to a minimum. Funds available during this period are limited, and whatever cushion had been allowed must be used for repair of flood damage to city property and equipment.

THE FLOOD OF 1955

The Library and library personnel were generally fortunate during the flood threat. No library agency was in any grave danger. Betty Wong and her family were evacuated from their home which was damaged by water. Several others were alerted for evacuation but the waters began to recede before the danger to them became critical.

NEW BUILDING:

A review of the Main Library Building plans will be undertaken by a team under direction of the California State Library in February.

The city's Capital Improvement plan will also be reviewed the first quarter of this year.

BUDGET - 1956/1957

Please pass on any requests for Budget inclusion to Mr. Benson. The budget will be compiled in March.

SCHEDULE

February 7 - Book Selection Meeting - Main Library

February 8 - Branch Assistant's Meeting(Procedures,Ref.) Main Library

February 13 - Lincoln's Birthday - Holiday

February 15 - Branch Order Meeting - Main Library

February 15 - Lent Begins

February 20-27- Brotherhood Week

February 22 - Washington's Birthday - Holiday

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner
Director of Library Service

BOOK USE

	1955		1954	
MAIN LIBRARY				
Adult	219,653		215,226	
Juvenile	61,403		63,534	
City Schools	66,297		56,981	
Total		347,353		335,741
CITY BRANCHES				
City Hall	58		0	
Fair Oaks	39,715		44,039	
North	120,550		110,490	
Total		160,323		154,529
Total-City		507,676		490,270
BOOKMOBILE		94,588		93,791
COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS				
Calla	4,423		4,740	
Clements	1,732		1,737	
Collegeville	1,247		1,172	
Escalon	29,061		24,913	
Greenwood	1,026		890	
Lafayette	2,979		3,522	
Lathrop	4,376		3,732	
Linden	3,971		3,686	
Live Oak	4,446		4,373	
Lockeford	1,525		1,004	
Manteca	40,590		33,886	
Nile Garden	767		787	
*Peters	783		583	
Ripon	35,583		34,907	
S.J. County-School of Nursing	568		482	
State Hospital	8,631		7,922	
Thornton	7,648		7,780	
Tracy	53,310		51,467	
Woodbridge	4,426		5,004	
Summer Stations	1,008		2,036	
Total-County		208,641		194,623
Total Circulation		810,905		778,684

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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
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PERSONNEL

Thelma Coons, Junior Typist Clerk in the Children's Room, underwent serious surgery on February 9th. She is recovering rapidly and will return to work sometime during the first half of April.

Mildred Cantwell has been named Senior Clerk at the Tracy Branch, replacing Elizabeth Martin who moved out of the city.

Margaret Klausner, in a desperate search for winter warmth and sun, began her vacation at La Paz, Baja California and now reports she has found them in Puerto Vallarta, a remote village on the west coast of Mexico.

Edna Kelly, Senior Librarian in the Extension Department, has resigned as of March 1st. The Kellys are expecting a playmate for their three boys...a girl this time?

NATIONAL BOOK AWARDS

The National Book Awards for the best books published during 1955 were given as follows

Fiction	O'Hara	TEN NORTH FREDERICK
Poetry	Auden	SHIELD OF ACHILLES
Non-fiction	Kubly	AMERICAN IN ITALY

The awards are sponsored by the American Book Publishers Council, The American Booksellers Association, and the Book Manufacturers Institute. All books are in the library collection and may be requested through the Extension Department.

LENTEN READING LISTS

The 1956 Lenten Reading list is now being distributed. This year two lists have been issued — one for Protestants, the other for Roman Catholics. If you need copies for church distribution, please let us know.

CALENDAR

March 9	Public Library Administrators of Northern California - Sacramento
March 9	Golden Empire District Dinner Meeting - Sacramento
March 13	Book Selection Meeting - Main Library
March 21	Branch Order Meeting - Main Library
March 30	Good Friday - All library agencies closed 12 noon to 3 p.m.

BRANCH ASSISTANTS MEETING

On Wednesday, February 8th, assistants from the branch libraries of the city and county met in an all day reunion at the central library in Stockton.

The morning session was devoted to discussion and questions on the new procedure manual of the Extension Department.

After luncheon at the Showboat the group met again and Mrs. Lacy of the Reference Department presented an illustrated lecture on the make up and use of the unabridged dictionary.

This was the 3rd in the current series of 6 meetings.

Sincerely yours,
Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner
Director of Library Service

BOOK USE

	Jan. 1956		Jan. 1955	
MAIN LIBRARY				
Adult	21,702		22,000	
Juvenile	5,028		5,061	
City Schools	4,725		9,397	
Total		31,455		36,458
CITY BRANCHES				
City Hall	16		0	
Fair Oaks	3,704		4,007	
North	11,293		10,222	
Total		15,013		14,229
Total-City		46,468		50,687
BOOKMOBILE		10,688		10,105
COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS				
Calla	346		375	
Clements	193		140	
Collegeville	87		108	
Escalon	3,254		2,688	
Greenwood	147		178	
Lafayette	325		419	
Lathrop	398		314	
Linden	271		322	
Live Oak	404		362	
Lockeford	63		198	
Manteca	4,096		3,244	
Nile Garden	94		67	
Peters	0		116	
Peterson Hall	51		0	
Ripon	3,537		4,009	
S.J. County-School of Nursing	79		30	
State Hospital	548		737	
Thornton	579		462	
Tracy	4,834		4,674	
Woodbridge	401		452	
Summer Stations	0		0	
Total-County		19,707		18,895
Total Circulation		76,863		79,687

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STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

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PERSONNEL

Jim Petrella, Tracy Branch Librarian, has been elected Vice-President of the Tracy Toastmasters.

Diane Price, Library Assistant at Fair Oaks Branch, became Mrs. Ronald Weston over the March 10th weekend.

Betty Yee Fong has come back to the staff to work as a Junior Typist Clerk in the Extension Department.

The library system was represented at the Golden Empire District Dinner Meeting in Sacramento by Mrs. Sereta Lacy, William Andrews, Anne Bedinger, Helen Kremer, Lois Witherow and Kearney Leeper. Mrs. Helen Holdredge, author of Mammy Pleasant, spoke about her experiences in gathering material for this and her other books.

BRANCHES

Escalon Branch: The Escalon Garden Club is keeping the branch decorated and in flowers.

Woodbridge Branch: Library service in this area was curtailed with the closing of the branch by federal postal order. Mr. Palmer Wells, postmaster, and for 10 years library assistant, was ordered to remove the library from the post office where it had been for 20 years. Since no other place is now available at Woodbridge for a library, service will be withdrawn until a satisfactory location or solution can be found. It is quite possible that with an extended Bookmobile service the Woodbridge area could be adequately served.

Branch Shipment Schedule

March 29	Thursday	Lafayette
April 5	Thursday	Manteca, Ripon, Escalon
6	Friday	Thornton
12	Thursday	Lockeford, Clements
19	Thursday, A.M.	Tracy
20	Friday, A.M.	Fair Oaks, North Branch

Bookslip Charging: The plan for using bookship charging in all branches and stations is now under way. The transition from the book card charge to the bookslip seems to be going smoothly according to reports. This move is an adaptation of the IBM punched card system and will eliminate the need to handle the cataloging and circulation procedures in two different ways.

NOTABLE BOOKS

Copies of the annotated *1955 Notable Books*, as selected by the American Library Association Council, were issued this week. If you need additional copies please let us know. The fifty books selected cover a span of publication and were selected "for these factors: sincerity and honesty of presentation, factual correctness, literary excellence, contribution to man's understanding of himself and the times in which he lives."

All of the books listed can be obtained in the library system.

NATIONAL BROTHERHOOD AWARD

The National Brotherhood Award was presented by the National Conference of Christians and Jews for the book *National Security and Individual Freedom* by John L. O'Brien. National Brotherhood Certificates of Recognition were awarded to *The Changelings* by Jo Sinclair, *How Far the Promised Land* by Walter White, *The Compact Treasury of Inspiration*, edited by Kenneth S. Giniger, *Now is the Time* by Lillian Smith, *Nationalism, Myth and Reality* by Boyd C. Shafer, and *The Fifth Amendment Today* by D.N. Griswold. These books maybe obtained through the Central Library.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - MARCH AND APRIL

March 13 - Book Selection - Main Library

14 - Capital Improvements Committee - City Hall - Miss Klausner

19 - University California School of Librarianship Advisory Council - Berkeley - Miss Klausner

20 - Stockton Unified School Principals' Meeting - Stockton - Miss Klausner

21 - Branch Book Order Meeting - Stockton

26 - In Service Training - Stockton - Central Library New Staff Members

" Library Program and Operation

27 - " Classification

28 - " Dewey Decimal System

29 - " Order Department

30 - " Catalog Department

April 2 - " Reference Department

3 - " Children's Department

4 - " Circulation Department

5 - " Extension Department

4-5 - " 4th Governor's Conference on Children and Youth - Miss Bedinger

April 6 - California Library Association - Chico Meeting

11 - Branch Library Assistants - Stockton Headquarters Reference Work

14 - Yosemite District - California Library Association Meeting - Modesto

27 - Northern California Education Film Circuit

28-29 - Stockton Garden Show - Library Exhibit - Stockton

BOOK USE

	Feb. 1955		Feb. 1956	
MAIN LIBRARY				
Adult	19,099		20,057	
Juvenile	5,042		5,585	
City Schools	5,778		5,041	
Total		29,919		30,683
CITY BRANCHES				
City Hall	0		26	
Fair Oaks	3,581		3,494	
North	9,679		10,848	
Total		13,260		14,368
Total-City		43,179		45,051
BOOKMOBILE		8,449		9,732
COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS				
Calla	383		416	
Clements	152		161	
Collegeville	111		121	
Escalon	2,513		2,743	
Greenwood	112		119	
Lafayette	295		265	
Lathrop	339		364	
Linden	332		268	
Live Oak	336		419	
Lockeford	169		62	
Manteca	3,092		3,978	
Nile Garden	61		58	
Peters	118		0	
Peterson Hall	0		38	
Ripon	3,642		3,630	
S.J. County Sch. of Nursing	37		100	
State Hospital	681		426	
Thornton	545		823	
Tracy	4,327		4,542	
Woodbridge	449		328	
Summer Stations	0		0	
Total-County		17,694		18,861
Total Circulation		69,522		73,644

Sincerely yours,

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WHAT MAKES A COMMUNITY A GOOD ONE?

(From a report prepared for the Eugene Public Library Board, Eugene, Oregon, by Joseph L. Wheeler, Library Consultant, Princeton, New Jersey, June 1953.)

The status of the public library and the extent to which it is supported and used, are of interest not alone to a librarian but to the whole community and to every taxpayer. The library, even more than the schools, is an index to the quality of the community and its citizenry. . . .

The factors which make a community a good place in which to live were studied with great care over a long period of years by the late Edward L. Thorndike, one of America's greatest authorities and writers on social problems, former President, N.Y. Academy of Sciences. . . .

According to Thorndike, the two most important factors in judging the desirability of any community are (1) the percentage of population graduating from the local publicly maintained democratic public high schools, (2) the circulation per capita and the tax support per capita for the public library service. In Thorndike's score card these outrank all other community factors, including health, recreation, sewage disposal and various other social factors, all of which are important. A good and well supported library service is the sign of a progressive, intelligent community. Boys and girls, by state laws, are compelled to attend school, but the use of a public library is purely voluntary; it is the best measure of the ambitions, the cultural and intellectual interests, and the desire for more understanding citizenship, on the part of the entire community, old and young, regardless of race, creed, color, economic or political status.

MEMO

This little link has not gone out of production but the writing of it has been held up by unusual demands on my time during the last two months because of budgetary changes and lack of personnel.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

We regret the necessity for dropping the reading program for children this summer.

The library is at present so short staffed that the extra and heavy work loads brought on by managing such a program throughout Stockton and the county could not be met this year. We know that many parents and children will miss this service. Next year, if the budget permits, we will try to resume the activity.

SUMMER SERVICE

Special deposits have been sent to the following points for summer service to our borrowers:

Silver Lake (Stockton Municipal Camp)
Camp Fire Girls (Camp Minkalo)
Girl Scouts (Camp Menzie)
Glenwood School

BOOKMOBILE

During June, July and August the Bookmobile will visit weekly at all community service stops. In addition these stops have been added:

Mondays: 1:00-2:00 P.M. - Davis School (Dr. Luckey's residence) beginning June 11th.
1:00-2:00 P.M. - Peterson Market on Thornton Road beginning June 18th.
These stops are on alternate Mondays.

Wednesdays: Weekly from 2:15 to 3:15 P.M. Montezuma School Playground.

These added stops are for children on the area served. Miss Bedinger will tell stories at the Montezuma Playground stop.

BRANCH SHIPMENT SCHEDULES

June	28	Thursday	Tracy
	29	Friday	North Branch, Fair Oaks
July	5	Thursday	Lafayette
	12	Thursday	Thornton
	19	Thursday	Manteca, Ripon, Escalon
	26	Thursday	Lockeford, Clements
Aug.	2	Thursday	Tracy
	3	Friday	North Branch, Fair Oaks

VACATIONS

Miss Helen Kremer will return from vacation June 25th and will visit all county branches during that week. She will be in Stockton during Miss Bedinger's vacation period July 2 - 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Benson will be on vacation from July 2 - 20.

Note: 1. Please do not send in any mending books during Mr. Benson's vacation.

2. Violet Soracco will be available in the Extension Department office to answer any general questions. Any changes in hours, sickness, or other payroll concerns should be reported immediately to her.

3. Call Miss Klausner in case of any emergency.

IN SERVICE TRAINING

The final meeting of the season was held in Stockton on June 13th when a review of catalog filing and basic reference books was featured. There will be a new schedule beginning in September.

PERSONNEL

Frances Rugen, Bookmobile Librarian, resigned. Miss Rugen is vacationing in Europe and on return to the United States will work in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Phyllis Elliget, Library Assistant, has been assigned temporarily to the Bookmobile.

Mrs. Alice Johnson, Library Assistant in the Children's Department, has been laid off and the position she helped us handle, Junior Librarian - Children's Department, has been filled by Mrs. Byrda Gathright.

Mrs. Gathright is a graduate of the University of Southern California Library School. She brings twelve years of library and teaching experience to the position.

Mrs. Betty Fong, Junior Typist Clerk in the Extension Department, has resigned to accept a position with the State Highway Department.

Mr. Aldo Rossi, former staff member, has accepted a temporary appointment as Junior Librarian in the Reference Department. Mr. Rossi was overseas in Army service.

Mrs. Ophelia Boswell, Clerk at North Branch, has resigned to be a housewife.

Mrs. Blanch Thompson has been appointed Clerk to replace her.

Carl Drennan, Clerk at the central library, has resigned to take a summer position in Alaska.

Mr. Frank Lavorato, Miss Margo Coolures and Miss Edithmae Pickering have been appointed temporary Clerks as summer substitutes.

Ronald Marcyes of Tracy has resigned as Clerk.

Donald Barrow has been appointed to fill the vacancy at Tracy.

We are sorry to hear from Manteca of Mrs. Wilhelmina Wilson's illness. We wish her a speedy recovery.

BUDGET

The library's request this year emphasized the need for extended Bookmobile service to outlying and rural areas. These requests were not granted because directly linked to any branch or Bookmobile service is the need for increased personnel, larger book collections, and adequate working areas to carry the loads brought on by extensions of service.

In this change over year, from one type of fiscal operation to another, the city is holding its budget line. The county is going along with this proposal, since it is impossible, under present circumstances and inefficient, to operate a divided service.

As a result of these necessary decisions the library's program for 1956-57 will be the same as last year. There will be no increase in personnel, book budget or facilities.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - MAY AND JUNE

May 7 - Community Youth and Welfare Council - Miss Bedinger and Mr. Andrews

" 9 - United Crusade Public Relations Meeting - Miss Klausner

" 10 - Civil Service Appraisal Board Meeting - Miss Klausner

" 12 - Community Youth and Welfare Board Meeting - Miss Klausner

" 14 - Library in the Community - Lincoln High School - Miss Klausner and Miss Bedinger

" 18 - CLA - Golden Empire District Meeting - Sacramento - Mrs. Lacy, Mr. Andrews, Miss Kremer, Mr. Leeper, Miss Bedinger, Mr. Klundt

" 18 - Assembly Sub-Committee on Library Problems - Santa Barbara - Miss Klausner

" 23 - General Staff Meeting - Stockton Public Library

" 23 - Community Youth and Welfare - Committee on Services for the Aged - Miss Klausner

" 28 - Council hearings on Capital Improvement Plan - Miss Klausner

" 28 - Library Building Committee Meeting - Miss Klausner

June 1 - County Budget Hearings - Miss Klausner

" 5 - The Public Library - Television Station KOVR - Miss Klausner

" 7 - Library Building Committee - Miss Klausner

" 12 - Book Order Meeting - Stockton Public Library

" 13 - Branch Library Assistants - In-Service Training - Stockton P.L.

" 14 - Community Youth and Welfare Board Meeting - Miss Klausner

" 14 - Association of Children's Librarians Book Review Meeting - San Francisco - Miss Bedinger

" 20 - Branch Librarians Book Order Meeting - Stockton P.L.

BOOK USE

	May 1955		May 1956	
MAIN LIBRARY				
Adult	18,550		19,258	
Juvenile	4,723		4,252	
City Schools	14,350		9,370	
Total		37,623		32,880
CITY BRANCHES				
City Hall	0		8	
Fair Oaks	3,199		3,005	
North	9,680		10,823	
Total		12,879		13,836
Total-City		50,502		46,716
BOOKMOBILE		5,860		6,821
COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS				
Calla	320		403	
Clements	115		122	
Collegeville	85		40	
Escalon	2,866		2,605	
Greenwood	144		124	
Lafayette	308		293	
Lathrop	290		355	
Linden	296		284	
Live Oak	389		332	
Lockeford	146		96	
Manteca	3,020		4,328	
Nile Garden	64		65	
Peters	90		-	
Peterson Hall	0		55	
Ripon	3,635		3,999	
S.J. County Sch. of Nursing	60		71	
State Hospital	694		457	
Thornton	620		500	
Tracy	4,967		4,623	
Woodbridge	445		-	
Summer Stations	0		0	
Total-County		18,554		18,752
Total Circulation		74,916		72,289

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

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LIBRARY SERVICES ACT

On June 19th President Eisenhower signed the Library Services Act which will provide the states of the union with financial grants to stimulate public library service in rural areas where no library service exists or service is sub-standard.

The County Board of Supervisors has supported our request for aid under the provisions of the law.

The level of library service in our communities - city and county - is sub-standard and this law provides an opportunity to help raise the standard.

Our request for a mobile unit to be used in the rural sections of this county where no library service or very poor service exists has been filed with the proper authorities. However, there are six counties in California without public library service and it is quite probable that all the available funds will be used to organize and develop service in these areas first.

RURAL LIBRARY SERVICE

The study and report on library service in the rural areas of San Joaquin County is available for reading and study if you wish to borrow it.

AIR COOLED BRANCHES

We are happy to report that this year, through the support of local agencies, we were able to have installed good air cooling systems at Ripon and Tracy and in Stockton at the Fair Oaks and North Branch libraries.

These branch libraries now offer users a quiet and cool place to read and browse among books.

ANNUAL REPORT

A statistical summary of the past year's library usage is attached to this letter.

The most significant situation apparent in this last year's activity appears to be the shift in children's reading. There was losses in library usage at the Main Library and Fair Oaks branch, at Ripon, Tracy and Thornton.

This is difficult to understand in relation to our growing youth population and the supposed concern of teachers and parents over children reading.

At Escalon, Manteca, North Branch and on the Bookmobile there was increased use of the children's collection.

I cannot emphasize too much the importance of encouraging children to read and we are examing again our program and procedures.

Here are some questions you might ask yourself concerning your service:

Do I have enough books in the various reading levels?

Are my shelves kept attractive and inviting?

Do I encourage the children to browse and use the collection?

In our in-service training meetings this autumn we will discuss this problem in detail.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING

Meetings will begin again in October for all branch library assistants. Please reserve this time for attendance. Details and schedule changes will be cleared with you by Mr. Benson. Consult the schedule of meetings for the proper dates.

NEW FISCAL YEAR

The public library service is now on a new operating schedule. Both the City of Stockton and San Joaquin County are now on a fiscal year base so our year will be July 1, 1956 thru June 30, 1957.

All reports and operations will now be keyed to this operating date.

Please check your calendars and make needed notations for the following:

READING SURVEY DATES 1956-57

Monday, July 30
Tuesday, August 21
Wednesday, September 12
Thursday, October 4
Friday, November 9
Saturday, December 1
Monday, January 7
Tuesday, February 19
Wednesday, March 27
Thursday, April 4
Friday, May 10
Saturday, June 22

HOLIDAYS - 1956-57

July 4, 1956	-	Independence Day
September 3, 1956	-	Labor Day
September 10, 1956	-	Admission Day
November 6, 1956	-	National Election Day
November 12, 1956	-	Veterans' Day
November 22, 1956	-	Thanksgiving Day
December 25, 1956	-	Christmas Day
January 1, 1956	-	New Year's Day
February 12, 1957	-	Lincoln's Birthday
February 22, 1957	-	Washington's Birthday
May 30, 1957	-	Memorial Day

Library agencies will be open on Friday, October 12, (Columbus Day).

BRANCH BOOK SHIPMENT SCHEDULES

August	Monday	27	Nile Garden and Honor Farm
	Tuesday	28	North (W)
	Thursday	30	a.m. Tracy (M) p.m. Thornton (M)
	Friday	31	F.O. and North (M)
Sept.	Tuesday	4	North (W)
	Thursday	6	Lafayette and Greenwood (Q)
	Friday	7	F.O. and North (W)
	Tuesday	11	North (W)
	Thursday	13	a.m. Tracy (bi-W)
	Friday	14	F.O. and North (W)
	Monday	17	Manteca, Ripon, Escalon (M)
	Tuesday	18	North (W)
	Thursday	20	Live Oak and Linden (Q)
	Friday	21	F.O. and North (W)
	Monday	24	Manteca, Ripon, Escalon (W)
	Tuesday	25	North (W)
	Thursday	27	a.m. Tracy (M) p.m. Thornton (M)
	Friday	28	F.O. and North (M)
Oct.	Monday	1	Manteca, Ripon, Escalon (W)
	Tuesday	2	North (W)
	Thursday	4	Collegeville and State Hospital (Q)
	Friday	5	F.O. and North (W)
	Monday	8	Manteca, Ripon, Escalon (W)
	Tuesday	9	North (W)
	Thursday	11	a.m. Tracy (bi-W)
	Friday	12	F.O. and North (W)
	Monday	15	Manteca, Ripon Escalon (M)
	Tuesday	16	North (W)
	Thursday	18	Lockeford and Clements (Q)
	Friday	19	F.O. and North (W)
	Monday	22	Manteca, Ripon, Escalon (W)
	Tuesday	23	North (W)
	Thursday	25	a.m. Tracy (M) p.m. Thornton (M)
	Friday	26	F.O. and North (W)
	Monday	29	Manteca, Ripon, Escalon, (W)
	Tuesday	30	North (W)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

August 29 - Branch Book Selection - Branch Librarians - Stockton - Mr. Benson

Sept. 5 - General Staff Meeting - Stockton - Miss Klausner

12 - Branch Librarians' Meeting - Stockton - Mr. Benson

13 - Association of Children's Librarians - Book Review Meeting - San Francisco - Miss Bedinger

Sept. 19 - Professional Librarians - Staff Meeting - Stockton - Miss Klausner

26 - Juvenile Book Selection Meeting - Stockton - Miss Bedinger

Oct. 3 - Branch Book Selection - Stockton - Mr. Benson

10 - General Staff Meeting - Stockton - Miss Klausner

17 - Branch Library Assistants - In-Service Training - Stockton - Mr. Benson and Miss Bedinger

24 - Branch Librarians' Meeting - Stockton - Mr. Benson

24 - United Nations Day

Oct. 30 - Nov. 3 - County Librarian's Annual Conference and Annual Convention of the California Library Association, San Diego, California

Branch Library Assistant's will meet monthly as follows: November 21, December 19, January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17, May 15.

Topics of discussion and place of meeting will be announced in later letters.

PERSONNEL

Miss Helen Kremer has resigned as Senior Librarian - Work with children - to accept a position as Consultant with the Michigan State Library at Lansing, Michigan. Miss Kremer's services in the field and at the county branches will be missed greatly. No appointment has been made yet to the position.

Mrs. Edna Kelly will return to work as a Senior Librarian, Extension Department, effective September 1st. The Kellys have added a beautiful baby girl to their family circle.

Miss Mary Schuler has been assigned to the Extension Department as Junior Typist Clerk to replace Mrs. Betty Fong.

Mr. Frank Lavorato will return to the University of San Francisco this fall but Miss Margo Coolures and Miss Edithmae Pickering will remain as part-time library pages.

Mrs. Betty Wong is on a three-month's leave of absense due to family illness.

Mrs. Irma Woods has been appointed temporarily to her position in the Order Department.

Mary Ann DeCicco became Mrs. William Green on August 12th. She has returned from her vacation and is working at the Main Library.

Miss Klausner received a renewal of certificate as a county librarian from the State Board of Library Examiners, effective from January 1, 1956-December 31, 1960.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner,
Director of Library Service

PUBLIC LIBRARY - STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY - 1955-1956

		Total	To Stockton Residents	To County Residents
Books taken home		792,976	372,355 (47%)	420,621 (53%)
Adult books taken home		412,653 (52%)	208,752	203,901
Juvenile books taken home		380,323 (48%)	163,603	216,720
Book use in:	Stockton	482,393	324,778	157,615
	Bookmobile	105,392	47,577	57,815
	Tracy	51,684		51,684
	Manteca	44,507		44,507
	Escalon	29,247		29,247
	Ripon	34,381		34,381
	Thornton	7,350		7,350
	County Stations	38,022		38,022

Books borrowed by County Residents	53%
Books added to collection	16,286
Titles added to book collection	3,832
Information and research transactions	41,487

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IN-SERVICE TRAINING

The program began on October 17th and will continue for the next 8 months. Morning sessions will be devoted to work with children and reading for children; afternoon sessions will cover branch procedures and adult services with special emphasis on reference work.

The agenda for October-November-December follows. A list of reading materials will be sent to all of you who are participating.

Oct. 17 A.M. Purpose of this course
General history of work with children in Public Libraries
Organization of work with children in this system
Place of this service in the community

P.M. Procedures - Branch manuals, overdue books, delivery schedules, shipments and shelf arrangements.

Nov. 21 A.M. Books for Children
- Why children need books
- On children's literature and reading
- Reference books and aids
- Booklists and reviews

P.M. Proper handling of reserve books and requests
Use of Gazetteers and atlases

Dec. 19 A.M. Books for Children
- Age and interest groups
- Reading levels
- Fiction and Non-fiction
- Adult use of juvenile books
- Judging a good book
- Book selection policies and aids
- Plans for order and book review meetings
- Schedule of replacement orders

P.M. Procedures
- The Dewey Decimal System Card catalogs

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

This past week brought the beginning of a new story hour at the Fair Oaks Branch Library for children in the 2nd through 5th grade level. These will be held regularly every Thursday afternoon at 3:30 with Mrs. Diane Weston, Library Assistant at Fair Oaks, conducting the program. There were 87 youngsters in attendance last week.

Children's Room shipments to schools numbered 62 for the month of September setting a new record.

Miss Ann Bedinger, Supervising Children's Librarian, assumed her new duties as President of the Association of Children's Librarians of Northern California. Meetings are usually held once each month in San Francisco to review current children's books.

BOOKMOBILE

New Bookmobile schedules for school stops have been completed giving service to 8 additional schools which have had no previous service and discontinuing service to 8 other schools which have been served for the past 4 years. Service to 2 additional schools remains unchanged.

These changes were necessary to more fully equalize bookmobile service in the community when a request for a second bookmobile was not allowed in the current budget. Some areas in the community have received bookmobile service for the past 4 years while other areas have not been reached due to limitations of personnel and equipment.

The Extension Department is now serving 135 classes through bookmobile visits to the school, or through classroom visits to the branches at North Branch, Fair Oaks, Escalon, Ripon and Lafayette station.

TELEPHONES

Growing service has made it necessary to expand the library's phone system. A new trunk line has been added - Dial HOward 6-9451.

Use this number for outgoing calls whenever possible and if you are calling in and cannot get through on HOward 6-5091 - try the new number.

An extension - local 31 - has been added to the main library so that the work area for the Reference Department and Children's Department can be reached.

FILM SERVICE

Special attention is called to the addition of films for children to the collection. Available during November and December will be Johnny Appleseed and Andy and the Lion.

The new list also carries five films for use of Christmas programs.

Films must be reserved, called for and returned at the Market and Hunter Street library. However, anyone in the city or county may use them provided they are picked up and returned on schedule.

Two members of the Reference Department, Mrs. Sereta Lacy and Mr. Wally Klundt, attended the regular meeting of the CLA Northern California Film Circuit at the Richmond Public Library, Friday, October 5th.

There will be a new film list ready for distribution by November 1st.

PERSONNEL

Miss Ann Bedinger, Supervising Children's Librarian, will attend the Stockton Unified School District P.T.A. Council meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard (Nadine) Johnson are the proud parents of a baby boy born September 16th.

Miss Klausner, Mrs. Lacy, Mr. Jones and Miss Bedinger will attend the Annual Conference of the California Library Association and the Annual Meeting of County Librarian's at San Diego, October 30 - November 2.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Oct. 30-Nov. 3	Annual Meeting of County Librarians and the Annual Conference of the California Library Association
Nov. 6	Election Day - Be sure to vote
Nov. 7	Branch Book Order Meeting Professional Staff Meeting
Nov. 8	Community Youth and Welfare Council Board Meeting - Miss Klausner Monthly meeting of the Association of Children's Librarians - San Francisco - Miss Ann Bedinger
Nov. 11-12	Veteran's Day
Nov.14	General Staff Meeting
Nov.16	Public Library Administrators Association of Northern California
Nov.20	Administrative Book Selection Radio Interview - KCVR - 12:50 - Miss Klausner
Nov.21	Branch Assistants - In-service Training
Nov.22	Thanksgiving Day
Nov.28	Juvenile Book Selection Meeting

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner,
Director of Library Service

	Sept. 1955	Sept. 1956
BOOKS TAKEN HOME	51, 257	47,791
BOOK USE IN		
Stockton Main Library	18,255	18,305
North Branch	9,045	9,125
Fair Oaks	2,545	2,708
Tracy	3,425	3,330
Manteca	3,101	3,047
Escalon	1,622	1,314
Ripon	1,976	2,094
Thornton	441	416
County Stations	3,178	2,811
BOOKMOBILE	7,665	4,624
Books added to collection	665	841
Titles added to collection	190	242
Information and research transactions	2,954	3,327

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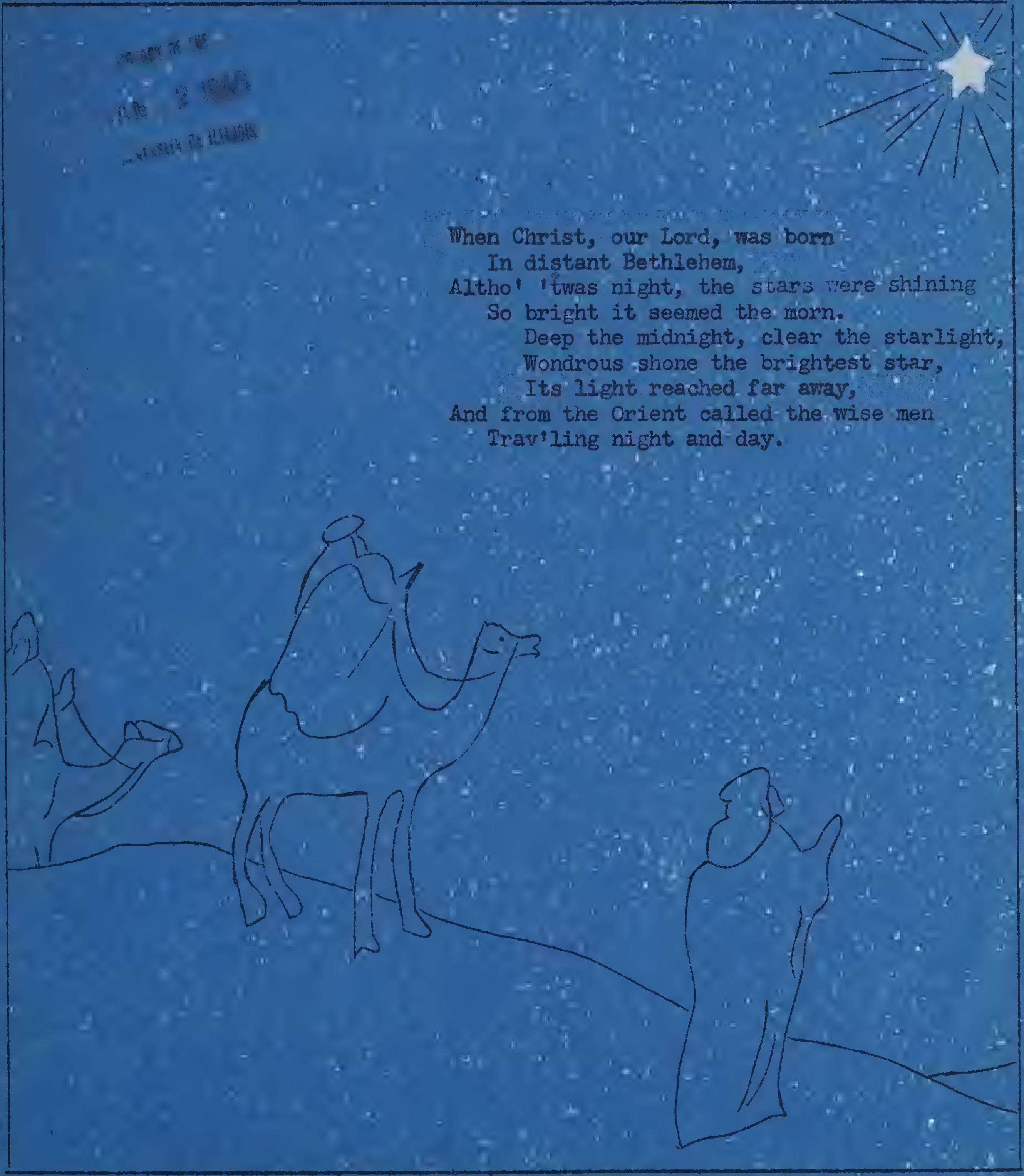

When Christ, our Lord, was born
In distant Bethlehem,
Altho' 'twas night, the stars were shining
So bright it seemed the morn.
Deep the midnight, clear the starlight,
Wondrous shone the brightest star,
Its light reached far away,
And from the Orient called the wise men
Trav'ling night and day.

PUBLIC LIBRARY PROBLEMS

The Sub-Committee on Library Problems met in Sacramento, November 29th and 30th, at the call of its chairman, the Honorable Ernest Geddes to pursue its hearings on public library problems.

Miss Klausner, as well as a number of other librarians from large and small libraries in the state, presented testimony regarding the problems facing libraries in this state today.

Legislation which may help in solving these problems was discussed and it is believed that the Education Committee will present a number of measures to the state legislature in 1957 for action.

BRANCH NEWS

Mrs. Edna Kelly, Senior Librarian, Extension Department has been making special weekly visits to Ripon to assist Mrs. Freshour with regular school classroom visits to the library.

Several branch libraries are proud possessors of new equipment.

A new table and chairs have been added at the Escalon Branch library. The Tracy library has new shelving in the work area. Ripon Branch library is showing off a new charging desk and section of book shelves.

Branch and station assistants are reminded that monthly statistics are always due at Headquarters by the 5th of the following month. Please help us try and get these figures in on time.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Christmas story hours have been scheduled in these branch libraries:

December 17th, Thornton, 3:30 P.M.
December 18th, Escalon, 9:30 A.M.
December 20th, Stockton, Main, 10:30 A.M.
and Fair Oaks, 3:30 P.M.
December 21st, Ripon, 9:30 A.M.
and Tracy, 3:30 P.M.

LIBRARY SERVICE STUDY

In connection with the study on library services being made by the League of Women Voters, Mrs. Abbott, Miss Lovejoy and Dr. Goodman were taken on a tour of library facilities at Fair Oaks, Manteca, Ripon, Lathrop and the Main Library. They were accompanied by Extension Librarian Joe Benson.

BOOKS AND LISTS

As a special attraction for Children's Book Week many new books were placed on display in the Children's Room of the Main Library. Also a feature display listing 100 best books for children, as taken from the McCalls Magazine, was organized by the department. Both these displays have created unusual interest and many requests for these materials are being received.

New booklists issued recently are The Negro in American Life and Real Estate Readings.

The first list brings together the material relating to the history and development of the American negro and his contribution to our culture. Real Estate Readings contains the books required for study for the state examinations and many additional current publications of use to the active real estate operator.

MEETING, EXHIBITS, ETC.

Miss Klausner spoke on library service and Christmas materials on Mrs. Norman Bush's KCVR interview November 20th.

She also appeared at two League of Women Voter's meetings to answer questions concerning library service.

Mr. Jones and Mr. Andrews manned an exhibit on The American Negro at the Unitarian Church, December 5th where a debate was held on integration. Many books were circulated from the exhibit.

Miss Klausner attended the San Joaquin County Council PTA meeting at Linden on December 6th.

Mr. Aldo Rossi, Reference Department, visited the Business and Municipal Reference Department of the Sacramento City Library November 29th.

Mr. Robert Leigh, Reference Department, attended a Documents Statistics workshop, December 7th, at the Oakland Public Library. This meeting was sponsored by the Documents Section of the California Library Association and brought together those people working with federal and state publications.

The Golden Empire District of the California Library Association held its fall dinner meeting at the University of California School of Agriculture campus in Davis on November 16th. Attending from Stockton were Mrs. Lacy, Mrs. Witherow, Mr. Klundt and Mr. Andrews.

Miss Bedinger attended the Stockton Junior Hi PTA meeting, November 6th. On November 8th she participated in the book review meeting of the Association of Children's Librarians at San Francisco.

Miss Klausner and Mrs. Witherow attended the St. Mary's annual book tea, December 11th. Miss Eileen Campbell, book editor for the Monitor, was the guest speaker.

PERSONNEL

Frank Lavorato will take the annual record inventory during the holiday period.

Mrs. Sereta Lacy, Supervising Reference Librarian, has announced her resignation effective, January 15, 1957, to accept a position as Head of the Cataloging Department at the Palo Alto Public Library. No appointment to fill this position has been announced.

SCHEDULED AHEAD

Dec. 13	Miss Klausner to Community Council Board Meeting - Stockton
13	Miss Bedinger and Mrs. Gathright to Association of Children's Librarians at San Francisco.

Dec.	14	Miss Klausner, Mr. Hancock, Mr. Bahnsen and Mr. Hawkins meet on Bookmobile Service in the rural areas of San Joaquin County - Stockton
	18	Administrative Book Selection Meeting - Stockton
	19	Branch Library Assistants In-Service Training - Stockton
	20	Annual Staff Christmas Breakfast - Stockton
	25	MERRY CHRISTMAS
Jan.	1	and a HAPPY NEW YEAR
	2	Miss Klausner meets with Linden High School PTA - Linden
	2	Branch Book Order Meeting - Stockton
	9	General Staff Meeting
	16	Branch Library Assistants - In-Service Training

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner,
Director of Library Service

BOOK USE

	November 1956		November 1955	
MAIN LIBRARY				
Adult	16,642		17,955	
Juvenile	4,487		4,384	
City Schools	15,830		8,027	
Total		36,959		30,366
CITY BRANCHES				
City Hall	5		15	
Fair Oaks	4,101		3,261	
North	10,865		9,867	
Total		14,971		13,143
Total-City		51,930		43,509
BOOKMOBILE		11,401		11,664
COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS				
Calla	378		386	
Clements	173		156	
Collegeville	50		53	
Escalon	2,410		2,955	
Greenwood	119		105	
Lafayette	313		357	
Lathrop	364		393	
Linden	227		368	
Live Oak	377		311	
Lockeford	72		96	
Manteca	4,090		3,713	
Nile Garden	74		65	
Peterson Hall	275		20	
Ripon	3,397		3,042	
S.J. County-School of Nursing	34		76	
State Hospital	660		735	
Thornton	498		569	
Tracy	4,286		3,995	
Woodbridge	0*		309	
Total-County		17,797		17,704
Total Circulation		81,128		72,877

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Branch personnel are reminded that the In Service Training Program will get under way again on Wednesday, February 20th at the Main Library.

A very interesting sample of the rock and mineral collection of George Peterson of Ripon was placed on display at the Ripon Library.
Perhaps there are other interesting hobbies or vocations which would make excellent displays in the local communities.

Collegeville now has a nice new store, and of course the library went with it. Additional shelving and books will be added in the near future. Quite an improvement for the area.

Some special projects of late include:

Two special exhibits of books and materials on Asia and the Far East for a special lecture series of the World Affairs Council.

A workshop for Sunday School Teachers on the "Value and Techniques of Storytelling" given by Miss Bedinger, Supervising Children's Librarian.

A series of three exhibits tied to 3 community events dealing with the general subject of "The Negro in American Life," were arranged and set up by Frank Jones. The community events included the Unitarian Forum Discussion; meeting of the Stockton branch of the NAACP, and a George Washington Carver Day celebration at the Ebenzer AME Church.

The library cooperated with the Stockton Chamber of Commerce in their sponsorship of a "Career Day" for Lincoln High School students. Administrative Assistant Mr. William E. Andrews spoke on Librarianship as a vocation.

Miss Margaret Klausner, Director of Library Service attended the Mid-winter meeting of the American Library Association held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago the week of January 28th. Miss Klausner is chairman of the ALA membership committee, region II, comprising California, Nevada and Arizona.

Miss Klausner will conduct the California State Library institute-workshop on Planning Public Library Buildings at Sacramento March 18-21, 1957.

On Friday, February 1st this library was host to members of the Film Circuit of Northern California. Sixteen librarians from ten libraries attended the all day preview showing of films for future selection by circuit members. The meeting was held at the Stockton City Hall.

The Circulation Department reports a small increase in circulation over Janaury of last year, 1956 being 19,505 and 1957 January total 19,997. Telephone renewals amounted to 2,259 this year as against 2,144 last year. People through the turnstile numbered 26,377 as against 25,447 January 1956.

The Extension Department reports an overall increase in circulation of 8,268 or 18% over January of 1956. However, the most remarkable increase occurred on the bookmobile with Community Stop circulation having increased from 2,679 in 1956 to 6,224 in January 1957, or an increase of 125% in one year.

PERSONNEL

Illness has plagued the library staff the past two months with the Extension Department staff being especially hard hit, Mrs. Zoe Strong of Manteca and Mrs. Marian Tregoning of Escalon both having been out for several weeks. We appreciate the assistance of Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Larsen of Manteca, and Mrs. Cochran and Beverly Silber of Escalon in helping to maintain customary service in these areas.

Mr. Joe Benson, Supervising Extension Librarian, returns to his desk after several weeks absence for surgery.

Mr. Frank Anderson, Senior Janitor, is also on sick leave for surgery. We expect him to return early in March.

Mr. James R. Koping has rejoined the library staff as Supervising Reference Librarian succeeding Mrs. Sereta Lacy, who resigned to accept a position in the Palo Alto Public Library.

Mrs. Mary E. Pavlik has joined the staff as a Library Page assigned to the North Branch Library. She replaced Mrs. Blanch Thompson who resigned to accept employment with the state.

CALIFORNIA LIBRARY WEEK - TRY YOUR LIBRARY FIRST

March 10th through 16th is California Library Week. It is hoped all library agencies will take full advantage of this opportunity to let their communities know of library facilities.

To assist branches and stations with publicity, Frank Jones, Reference Department, and Kearney Leeper, Fair Oaks Branch Librarian,are working on a program in cooperation with the Extension Department.

Forty "Library Week" posters are to be distributed, and it is suggested they be displayed in prominent locations. In library branches small book exhibits will also be arranged, and in several communities local businessmen are cooperating by allowing books to be displayed in show windows. Articles will also be prepared for all county newspapers.

MAGAZINE RENEWALS

The magazine subscription renewal list is being reviewed. If you have suggested changes, corrections or additions to magazines presently being received please let the Extension Department know at once.

BOOKLISTS

Lenten reading lists are now being prepared for both Protestant and Catholic reading during the pre-Easter season. They will be distributed in the near future.

Other recent reading lists include:

Discovering the Orient
Old Favorites
Notable Books of 1956
Home Improvement List
The Years to Come

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT MOVE

The vacant space on the 1st floor of the Masonic Temple Building at Market and Sutter Street has been leased by the city for library use.

Extension services expect to move into this area by mid April, and materials presently held in storage at 238 E. Market Street and in the Main Library will be shifted to the Masonic Building.

Space presently occupied by the Extension Department will be taken over by a shift of departments in the Main Library.

EVENTS

Events in February and March include:

February 19	Administrative Book Selection
February 20	Branch Assistants In-Service Training
March 6	Branch Book Order Meeting
March 10-16	California Library Week
March 13	General Staff Meeting
March 19	Administrative Book Selection
March 20	Branch Assistants In-Service Training
March 27	Juvenile Book Order Meeting

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner
Director of Library Service

BOOK USE

	JAN. 1956		JAN. 1957	
MAIN LIBRARY				
Adult	21,702		22,293	
Juvenile	5,028		4,911	
City Schools	4,725		5,524	
Total		31,455		32,728
CITY BRANCHES				
City Hall	16		2	
Fair Oaks	3,704		4,408	
North	11,293		13,179	
Total		15,013		17,589
Total-City		46,468		50,317
BOOKMOBILE		10,688		14,457
COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS				
Calla	346		630	
Clements	193		146	
Collegeville	87		119	
Escalon	3,254		2,967	
Greenwood	147		130	
Lafayette	325		429	
Lathrop	398		349	
Linden	271		259	
Live Oak	404		417	
Lockeford	63		117	
Manteca	4,096		4,636	
Nile Garden	94		66	
Peterson Hall	51		189	
Ripon	3,537		3,870	
S.J. County School of Nursing	79		28	
State Hospital	548		680	
Thornton	579		552	
Tracy	4,834		5,722	
Woodbridge	401		-	
Total-County		19,707		21,306
Total Circulation		76,863		86,080

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STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

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NEW HEADQUARTERS CENTER

A major change took place in the Main Library during the month of April with relocation of storage facilities and removal of Extension Department operations, including branch and bookmobile services, from the Main Library to 111 So. Sutter Street in the Masonic Temple Building. The Extension Department telephone is now HOward 4-3584. All mail should continue to be addressed to Market and Hunter Streets, Stockton 2.

While relocation of these services solve some space problems they also create others in the difficulty of communications, ease of handling materials, and lack of immediate availability of storage items.

The Reference Department reports that over 50% of its reference collection is now located outside the Main Library with the resulting loss of time and inefficiency of operation.

NEW BOOK LOAN PERIOD

The loan period for library materials has been increased to one month with elimination of all renewal privileges. Since almost 10% of the Circulation Department work load is with telephone renewals it is hoped that by extending the loan period staff members can be utilized to better advantage. If the present policy disrupts the book reserve system special adjustments will have to be made.

Information and instructions have been furnished to all Extension outlets, including the stations. The only difference being that those agencies with IBM machines charge out books due on a certain week, four weeks hence, while stations that use hand stamps charge out books due four weeks from date stamped.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM RESUMED

By popular demand the annual summer reading program for children will go into operation Monday, June 17th. Individual registrations may be made at the Main Library, all city and county branches, or the Bookmobile.

The program is for all young people, but those in the 3rd to 8th grades are especially urged to participate. A party for "honor members," and membership pins will be the earned awards.

The Book Manufacturers' Institute is the program sponsor, and pins are furnished through their courtesy.

We hope youngsters in all communities will be encouraged to enroll.

SUMMER SCHEDULES - CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

Bookmobile. During June, July and August the Bookmobile will operate community schedules weekly instead of biweekly. There are no major changes in present places and times. However, for the summer only there are these additions:

Monday: 1 to 2 P.M. Davis School (Dr. Luckey's residence)
June 10, 24; July 8, 22; Aug 5, 19;
alternating with
Peterson's Market (Thornton Road)
June 17; July 15, 29; Aug. 12, 26.

Wednesday: 2:15 to 3:15 P.M. Montezuma School

Summer Station - Glenwood School. Mothers of the school will operate this station for the third summer, including a reading club. It will open Thursday, June 13. Exact times will be announced at the school.

Summer Camps - all located around Silver Lake. The usual book collections will be sent to the following camps:

1. Stockton Municipal Camp
2. Camp Menzies for Girl Scouts
3. Camp Minkalo for Campfire Girls
4. Junior Red Cross Camp

NEW LIBRARY BUILDING

The Stockton City Council in official action authorized an $8,000,000 bond issue for civic improvements, to be placed on a special election bond issue scheduled for October.

A new Public Library building for Stockton is one of the projects to be voted upon.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING

The final In-Service Training meeting will be May 15. Plans for the summer reading club and review and tests on filing and the Dewey system will be on the agenda. No meeting will be held during June, July or August. A new series of meetings will begin next fall.

LIBRARY DIRECTORY CORRECTION

Anyone who has already received their Library Directory for San Joaquin County should make the following correction. The Ripon telephone number should be Talbot 9-3652. Mrs. Freshour's personal telephone was listed by mistake.

BRANCHES AND STATIONS

North Branch. All the classes at El Dorado School that use the branch have been receiving special instructions on how to use the card catalog. The teen-age section has been rejuvinated and rechecked by approved lists to make the collection now 75 to 80% adult books suitable for teen-agers.

Lafayette Station. The Lafayette Station on Terminous Road out of Lodi was closed on April 1, 1957. After 27 years of faithful service,Mrs. Rice has retired from activity. The Lafayette Station was a well used service point with us, Mrs. Rice giving generously of her time to help children from the Lafayette School. Best wishes and good traveling to Mrs. Rice.

The Lafayette Station was first established in April of 1920. Whenever the library is able to develop Bookmobile service, Lafayette is one of the areas which will be considered for service.

Fair Oaks Branch. The film "Circus Animals" was shown in connection with a story hour by the Children's Department under the direction of Miss Anne Bedinger. About 30 children attended.

Tracy Library. A new section of shelves has recently been installed to add more shelf space in the children's area.

The City Manager has appointed a committee of 100 people in Tracy known as the POP Committee (Planning Our Progress Committee) to study needs of the community, including the library's need for a new building.

Manteca Library. The City Council has appointed a committee to study needs, and the ways and means of obtaining a new library for Manteca. This committee is composed of outstanding people in the community, the Manteca Bulletin is reporting this movement, and some real progress is in sight. Miss Klausner, at their request, has furnished them with detailed information for the kind of library needed in Manteca and has twice appeared before them to give information and show slides of new buildings in other communities.

Escalon Library. Escalon's new furniture and paint make for a most attractive room.

Linden. A local committee has requested the Board of Supervisors to establish a branch library in that community. There seems a good possibility this request may be received favorably.

Bookmobile. A recent article in the Stockton Record described the fine job the bookmobile and its personnel are performing and gave a number of human interest stories.

Clements. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald have combined forces in business as well as personal life. Mr. Fitzgerald has moved his meat market business into the Red & White General Store that Mrs. Fitzgerald has operated for a number of years.

Collegeville. Collegeville has a modern new store. A history of the old store recently appeared in the Stockton Record. They have also recently added a lunch counter. Also some extra shelves for the library.

Peterson Hall. Mr. De Parsia, teacher at the school in Peterson Hall has recently telephoned to tell how much the books are being used at the institution. They are the chief form of recreation available there.

PERSONNEL

Mr. W. Kearney Leeper, Fair Oaks Branch Librarian since June of 1955, is resigning effective May 29, 1957. He has accepted a position as Senior Librarian in charge of a branch operation in the Palo Alto Public Library.

Mrs. Ernestine Smutny, Senior Librarian in the Catalog Department, has announced her resignation to be effective June 6, 1957. Mr. and Mrs. Smutny plan to tour Europe this summer returning to the United States in mid September.

Mrs. Amanda Griggs, Page at the Main Library, resigned at the end of February and was replaced by Karl A. Minke, Jr.

Mrs. Zoe Strong of Manteca and Mrs. Marian Tregoning of Escalon are both back on their jobs after several months of illness. We are happy to welcome them back.

Our thanks to Mrs. Betty Fong, Mrs.Mary Denton and Mrs. Virginia Kreiss who have been assisting in various capacities at the Main Library and Fair Oaks Branch.

Carolyn Jones is the new part-time Page at the Manteca Library.

Vacation time is upon us again with the following staff members away in May:

Mrs. Mildred Cantwell, Senior Clerk in the Tracy Library; Mrs. Mary Ann Green; Mrs. Thelma Coons; and Mr. Wally Klundt from the Main Library.

EXHIBITS, TALKS, MEETINGS, ETC.

Library staff members participating in recent activities include:

The Adult Education Institute held in Fresno, April 4th and 5th, was attended by James Koping, Supervising Reference Librarian.

Four staff members represented Stockton at the annual meeting of the Golden Empire District of the California Library Association held in Davis, May 4th. Attending were Margaret Klausner, Anne Bedinger, Grace Olson and Bill Andrews.

Two special exhibits were arranged during the month of April:

A Mental Health Workshop was conducted at the College of the Pacific with approximately 500 people in attendance. Frank Jones and Anne Bedinger set up a display and circulated materials on mental health. The display was especially well received and 1,000 special subject bibliographies were distributed.

The Stockton Garden Club Flower Show was held in the Civic Auditorium April 13th and 14th. Bill Andrews arranged a special display of garden books and over 1,000 lists on garden books were distributed. The library received a special award ribbon in appreciation of this display.

SPECIAL DISPLAYS AT BRANCHES

The following special displays have been noted:

Fair Oaks Branch:	"Batter up!" a display of baseball stories A display featuring rockets, and space stories for boys A display featuring books on dancing
North Branch:	A display featuring garden books
Ripon Library:	A display loaned by the Children's Department featuring "R is for Reading"
All branches:	Since the first of the year have featured displays on the "100 Best Books for Children" from McCall's Magazine

PRIZE WINNERS

Annual Newbery and Caldecott awards

The Newbery Medal award for the most distinguished contribution to children's literature was awarded to Virginia Sorensen for *Miracles on Maple Hill* published by Harper Brothers.

The Caldecott Medal award given to the artist of the most distinguished children's picture book was awarded to Marc Simont for his illustrations in *A Tree Is Nice* by Janice May Udrey, also published by Harper Brothers.

These books are or will be available in all branch libraries.

Pulitzer Prize winners

Pulitzer Prize winners announced recently include:

For drama, Eugene O'Neill, *Long Day's Journey into Night*.

For biography, John F. Kennedy, *Profiles in Courage*.

For history, George F. Kennan, *Russia Leaves the War*.

There was no award in the field of fiction or poetry.

The Main Library has all of the award books listed.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret T Klausner

Margaret Klausner
Director of Library Service

BOOK USE

	March 1957	March 1956	April 1957	April 1956
MAIN LIBRARY:				
Adult	24,111	21,367	20,915	19,401
Juvenile	5,824	6,034	5,283	4,711
City Schools	16,270	4,774	8,994	4,004
CITY BRANCHES:				
City Hall	76	26	35	9
Fair Oaks	4,745	3,380	4,172	3,241
North	13,212	10,594	11,527	10,624
BOOKMOBILE	13,254	11,681	10,164	11,358
COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS:				
Calla	558	381	435	398
Clements	122	197	129	107
Collegeville	82	119	94	51
Escalon	3,120	3,085	2,869	3,199
Greenwood	158	123	133	187
* Lafayette	119	202	-	351
Lathrop	308	319	295	322
Linden	266	266	248	320
Live Oak	395	331	411	320
Lockeford	66	105	72	74
Manteca	4,868	3,914	4,560	4,110
Nile Garden	75	65	82	61
Peterson Hall	180	50	311	52
Ripon	3,428	3,490	3,480	3,740
S.J. Co.-Sch. of Nursing	46	75	50	73
State Hospital	681	487	0	480
Thornton	659	701	509	616
Tracy	5,694	4,820	5,364	5,283
Total Circulation	98,317	76,586	80,132	73,092

* Closed April 1, 1957

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PUBLIC LIBRARY

STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

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LIBRARY BUDGET

The budget has received tentative approval and will be accepted finally in the near future.

The County Board of Supervisors is to be commended on its granting of requests this year which will result in upgrading of service to the outlying areas.

The county share of the total budget, including outlay, is $202,717. The city share is $183,706, making a combined total of $386,423.

As a result these developments in program will be made:

> Addition of one person to the Manteca schedule to handle the work overload there.
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> New branch service in Linden.
>
> Acquisition of a new Bookmobile and development of service to the rural areas in the eastern and northern parts of the county.

Work will begin at once on the Linden project.

It will probably be around the first of 1958 before the new mobile branch goes into service since it requires time to obtain, staff and put the project into operation.

READERS ARE LEADERS

Posters have been furnished to all branches, and to public and private schools in the Stockton area announcing the summer reading club for children. The club will operate in 12 agencies and at 20 Bookmobile stops. Boys and girls may register at their nearest library, at Main, North, Fair Oaks, Tracy, Manteca, Ripon, Escalon, Thornton, Collegeville, Glenwood School, Davis School, (Dr. Luckey's home) and on the Bookmobile.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

More rapid and efficient service can be given if greater care is exercised in writing subject requests.

Information given should be specific and complete rather than general. Also, the age group of the patron can be most helpful in determining the type of material to be sent.

FACTS ABOUT LIBRARY SERVICE

Do you know the library loans foreign language records for study? These must be borrowed and returned to the Main Library.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

As an outgrowth of the League of Women Voters study of Library Services, and in preparation for the coming campaign, it was suggested that a "Friends of the Library" group be organized on a permanent basis. With this thought in mind a steering committee headed by Mrs. Adele Sharpe of the League met at the Main Library on June 16th to discuss the formation of such a group.

It was agreed that such an organization should be undertaken and an open invitation is extended to all who are interested. The organizational meeting will be held at the Stockton City Hall at 8 P.M. on Wednesday, June 26th.

NEWS FROM BRANCHES

MANTECA Some members of the Council Library Committee spent Saturday, May 25th visiting new libraries in the Bay area. Marin, Ortega, and Parkside branches in San Francisco and the Hayward Public Library were studied.

Members of the committee who made the trip were: Mrs. Willa Wilson, Mrs. C.A. Young, Mrs. Frank Helman, Mr. George McParland and Mrs. Charles Di Salvo accompanied by Miss Klausner and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Benson from the library.

The Manteca Library Committee has selected a site for the proposed new building and has recommended its acquisition by the City Council.

Mrs. Zoe Strong recently visited in Oregon.

FAIR OAKS The movie "Make Way for Ducklings", based on Robert McCloskey's book for children,was shown to a group of 80 by Anne Bedinger, Supervising Children's Librarian.

NORTH BRANCH A program featuring "The Wheel on the School" (a recorded "reading book") wound up the school activities for the year. This was a very busy year in connection with El Dorado School. Eleven classes came regularly throughout the year, story hours were held often for more classes, and special participation lessons in how to use the library were given.

ESCALON Escalon also had an active school year: 11 classes from grade school, and seven from the high school made regular library visits.

TRACY Librarian Jim Petrella welcomed a new addition to his family when "Johnnie" was born on June 1. This evens things up for Jim and Agnes-- two boys and two girls now.

RIPON Mrs. Freshour received a nice letter from Mr. Azevedo, principal of the Ripon Elementary School thanking her for services rendered the school throughout the year. 14 classes paid regular weekly visits.

SPECIAL DISPLAYS AT BRANCHES

NORTH BRANCH	A display featuring the Caldecott and Newbery award winners and runners-up.
FAIR OAKS	"It pays to keep healthy" and "Lets sing", displays featuring health and song books respectively.

Displays featuring the Summer Reading Club are in all branches. Remember—Readers are Leaders.

PERSONNEL

The following staff members are on the June vacation list: Mrs. Inez Sattler; Miss Anone Hoyt; Mrs. Eleanor Wiggins; Frank Jones; Aldo Rossi; and Othro Drew.

Mrs. Virginia Kreiss and Mrs. Mary Denton are temporary librarian and library assistant at Fair Oaks Library.

JULY SHIPMENT SCHEDULE

July 1	Weekly for Manteca, Ripon and Escalon
2	Pickup for North
3	Quarterly for Clements and Lockeford
5	Weekly for North and Fair Oaks
8	Weekly for Manteca, Ripon and Escalon
9	Pickup for North
11	Biweekly for Tracy
12	Weekly for North and Fair Oaks
15	Monthly and weekly for Manteca, Ripon, and Escalon
16	Pickup for North
18	Quarterly for Calla and Collegeville
19	Weekly for North and Fair Oaks
22	Weekly for Manteca, Ripon and Escalon
23	Pickup for North
24	Monthly for Thornton
25	Monthly and biweekly for Tracy
29	Weekly for Manteca, Ripon and Escalon
30	Pickup for North

Sincerely yours,

Margaret

Margaret Klausner
Director of Library Service

BOOK USE

	May 1956		May 1957	
MAIN LIBRARY				
Adult	19,258		18,618	
Juvenile	4,252		4,095	
City Schools	9,370		19,326	
Total		32,880		42,039
CITY BRANCHES				
City Hall	8		55	
Fair Oaks	3,005		4,350	
North	10,823		11,021	
Total		13,836		15,426
Total-City		46,716		57,465
BOOKMOBILE		6,821		8,230
COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS				
Calla	403		303	
Clements	122		148	
Collegeville	40		115	
Escalon	2,605		1,943	
Greenwood	124		174	
*Lafayette	293		0*	
Lathrop	355		281	
Linden	284		196	
Live Oak	332		320	
Lockeford	96		129	
Manteca	4,328		3,988	
Nile Garden	65		82	
Peterson Hall	55		325	
Ripon	3,999		2,884	
S.J. County School of Nursing	71		52	
State Hospital	457		615	
Thornton	500		411	
Tracy	4,623		4,207	
Summer Stations	0		0	
Total-County		18,752		16,173
Total Circulation		72,289		81,868

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PUBLIC LIBRARY
STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

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NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

Manteca: Manteca now has two full time employees, Mrs. Willa Wilson and Mrs. Zoe Strong. Public hours at Manteca have been increased from 34 to 50. On Monday through Thursday the library is open from 12 Noon until 9 P.M., and on Friday and Saturday from 10 A.M. until 12 Noon, and from 1 P.M. until 6 P.M.

The Manteca Chamber of Commerce has undertaken a study of needed civic improvements and has listed a new library building for Manteca as a priority project.

Lockeford: On July 1 the Lockeford Branch changed hands. Anna Sherman has taken over the store from Mrs. Eva Corey.

Linden: No action will be taken at Linden until after the county budget is accepted. The opening date will probably be late October since installation of equipment and acquisition of materials will require that time.

North Branch: Frances Sanders, Library Assistant at the North Branch Library, became Mrs. Travis Goldsworth on August 3rd. The couple were married at Grace Methodist Church, Stockton.

Escalon: Mrs. Marion Tregoning at the Escalon Branch Library has returned to work on a full-time basis after several months illness.

Calla: We extend our sympathy to Mrs. E. E. Vest, Calla, whose husband recently passed away.

SUMMER READING CLUB

The summer reading club for children is about to conclude a highly successful program with community parties for those youngster qualified. Over 3,760 children are participating in the club activity.

Not all dates and locations are final and complete; however, these parties have been arranged.

Tracy: August 20th, 2:30 P.M. at Lincoln Park. The Tracy Junior Woman's Club is sponsor.

Escalon: August 21st at 7:30 P.M. at the Library. The local Recreation Department is the sponsor in cooperation with the library.

Manteca: An evening affair at 7:30 P.M. August 22nd at the ball park near the library. The Recreation Department will act as sponsor.

Stockton: Stockton club members, including Bookmobile readers, will meet at Louis Park at 2 P.M. August 22nd for refreshments and a trip to Pixie Woods. The Stockton Council P.T.A. are local sponsors and will furnish refreshments and chaperons in cooperation with the Recreational Department.

Thornton: The Thornton club sponsor will be the Junior Chamber of Commerce and this troup plans to join the Stockton club on its visit to Pixie Woods August 22nd at 2 P.M.

Ripon: Plans to meet with the Stockton group.

BOOK BUDGET

This year's book budget will remain at $40,000. This is the same sum as has been allocated since 1953 and provides about one-half the number of books needed.

Because of this inadequacy the amount spent during 1957-58 on adult books and on branch books will be less than during last year. This situation has come about through heavy and increasing use of the children's book collection with its result of worn out books needing immediate replacement.

The children's book collection contains about 60,000 volumes and gains a net of about 4,000 books a year. Since the take home use is over 440,000 books a year the entire collection needs continuous repair and replacement. During 1957-58 we will have to make as many replacements as the budget will allow or further curtail the reading of books by children.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT MOVE

The Catalog Department has been moved from its location on the main floor of the Central Library to the area in the basement formerly occupied by the Extension Department.

The multilith operation will also be moved from the 3rd floor to the basement west hall. This will consolidate Catalog Department operations on one floor, provide additional space and make possible more efficient operation.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Organization of a "Friends of the Library" group for the Public Library of Stockton and San Joaquin County was started on June 6th with a meeting of a steering committee at the Central Library.

From this and additional meetings has come an organization dedicated to the welfare of the library. As a group it will act as a liaison between the library and the community acquainting the public with the services and facilities offered and assisting in the extension and expansion of these services.

Officers include Dr. J. Ford Lewis, President; Mrs. Adele Sharpe, Vice-President; and Mr. Walter H. Perl, Secretary-Treasurer.

Membership is open to all those interested in assisting this community in obtaining better public library services and facilities. Anyone interested joining is invited to send $1.00 for annual dues, together with name and address, to Mr. Walter H. Perl, Treasurer, Friends of the Library, Public Library, Hunter and Market Streets, Stockton 2, California.

LIBRARY LEGISLATION

(From Library Link, July, 1957, Contra Costa County)

Of the 2500 bills passed by the legislature, seventeen related to libraries. Signed (by this date) into law by the Governor and effective September 12th are the following:

AB 1750 Authorizes the Board of Supervisors to establish extended library facilities (permissive) within any county service area established for that purpose.

AB 1940 Permits community service districts to acquire sites for, construct and maintain library buildings, and to cooperate with other governmental agencies for library service.

AB 1943 Includes libraries in the list of county buildings which Boards of Supervisors may construct, lease, alter or repair.

AB 2787 Establishes the California Public Library Study Committee to study public libraries in California, their legal framework, organization, operations, needed improvements, and methods of financing. The Committee is to consist of two members of the Senate and two of the Assembly, and nine citizens appointed by the Governor. $25,000 is appropriated for the survey. The Committee is to serve without pay.

AB 3942 Permits the county library tax ceiling to be raised from one mill to three mills to equalize with the tax limit of general class cities.

AB 1362 Provides procedure for withdrawal of school district affiliation with county or city library.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Inez Sattler, Typist Clerk in the Extension Department resigned effective July 15th. Her position has been filled by Gloria Sepulveda.

Wanda Watson, Jeanne Cunningham and Carl Miller are assisting as Pages during the summer vacation period.

Edithmae Pickering and Karl Minke, Pages, will leave the staff the latter part of August to pursue their educational studies elsewhere. Edithmae will enroll at the University of California and Karl will attend Arizona State College at Tempe.

Margo Coolures will attend school in Stockton and continue on the staff as a part-time Page.

Miss Annie Fong was promoted from Library Page to Typist Clerk effective July 16th. Her time will be divided between the Reference and Circulation Departments.

Mrs. Eleanor Wiggins, Library Page, is filling the position of Book Processor until a Civil Service examination is given and a probationary appointment is made.

Miss Patricia Clark, former Supervising Reference Librarian, has been appointed Librarian at San Luis Obispo, California.

POSITIONS OPEN

Civil Service examinations for the positions of Typist Clerk, Library Assistant, and Book Processor will be given in the near future.

Residence requirements for Library Assistant have been waived and anyone interested in these examinations is urged to contact Mr. Andrews in the library office for complete details.

The salary range for Typist Clerk is $247-300, for Library Assistant $286-348 and for Book Processor $212-259.

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

Margaret Klausner, Director of Library Service, was the recipient of a distinguished honor when she was presented wibh the Civitan Club "Citizen of the Month" Award. The inscription reads in part, "... to Margaret Klausner in recognition of meritorious and unselfish service rendered for the betterment of our community and its citizens." The award was presented at a luncheon at the Hotel Stockton, Wednesday, July 31st.

READING SURVEY DATES 1957-58

Please check your calendars and make the needed notations for the following dates:

July 8
August 13
September 18
October 24
November 29
December 7

January 13
February 18
March 26
April 10
May 16
June 7

HOLIDAYS 1957-58

The library will be closed on these days:

Tuesday	July 4	Independence Day
Monday	September 2	Labor day
Monday	September 9	Admission Day
Monday	November 11	Veteran's Day
Thursday	November 28	Thanksgiving Day
Wednesday	December 25	Christmas Day

Wednesday	January 1	New Year's Day
Wednesday	February 12	Lincoln's Birthday
Saturday	February 22	Washington's Birthday
Friday	May 30	Memorial Day
Tuesday	June 3	Primary Election

AUGUST SHIPMENT SCHEDULE

August 1	Weekly for Tracy
2	Weekly for North and Fair Oaks
5	Weekly for Manteca, Ripon and Escalon
6	Pickup for North
7	Quarterly for Petersen Hall and Honor Farm
8	Quarterly for School of Nursing, and weekly for Tracy
9	Weekly for North and Fair Oaks
12	Weekly for Manteca, Ripon and Escalon
13	Pickup for North
15	Weekly for Tracy
16	Weekly for North and Fair Oaks
19	Monthly for Manteca, Ripon and Escalon
20	Pickup for North
21	Quarterly for State Hospital
22	Weekly for Tracy
23	Weekly for North and Fair Oaks
26	Weekly for Manteca, Ripon and Escalon
27	Pickup for North
28	Monthly for Thornton
29	Monthly for Tracy
30	Monthly for North and Fair Oaks

1956-57 ACTIVITY

The past fiscal year was one of consistent and heavy usage at all points of service. All reports are in and compilation of figures shows an overall increase in circulation of books of 9%.

Following is a brief summary of the year's activity:

Books Taken Home

	1955-56	1956-57
Central Library	278,897	277,516
Fair Oaks Branch	37,429	46,558
North Branch	122,376	132,566
Tracy	51,684	54,436
Manteca	44,507	48,769
Ripon	34,381	34,094
Escalon	29,247	27,483
Thornton	7,350	5,813
Other Stations	38,022	35,934
Bookmobile	105,392	124,213
Stockton Schools	43,532	83,178
Adult Book Use	412,653	427,203
Children's Book Use	380,323	443,647
Volumes in library	367,856	378,542
Titles added	3,832	4,440
Books added	16,286	17,336
Reference Questions answered	41,487	46,894
Items repaired	14,799	18,802

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner
Director of Library Service

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STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

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BRANCH NEWS

Headquarters: Edna Kelly and family have been on a two weeks vacation at Seabright near Santa Cruz.

Aldo Rossi, Senior Librarian, joined the Headquarters staff in mid-September. He will supervise the clerical staff at Headquarters, Thornton and Linden, and work on building up the basic book collections, special request services, etc.

Ripon: Twelve classes from the Ripon Elementary School have started regular weekly or bi-weekly visits to the library.

Two additional sections of book shelving have been added recently.

Escalon: About twelve classes from Dent Union Elementary School will begin regular bi-weekly visits to the library October 1st. Eight High School classes will also make bi-weekly visits.

Mrs. Tregoning has been in Sacramento for two weeks to welcome her first granddaughter.

Tracy: James Petrella, the Branch Librarian, appeared before the City Council, September 17th, to make an impressive stand for Tracy's need for a new library.

Bookmobile: Nearly eighty classes, from ten schools in the Stockton Metropolitan area, have resumed regular bi-weekly visits to the Bookmobile.

A new charging system has been installed which allows all the time at the unit to be spent in the selection of books. Charging and discharging of materials is done in the classrooms.

North Branch: A new five-drawer section to add to the card catalog has recently been received at the North Branch Library. It will be placed in use as soon as properly finished.

Ten school classes from El Dorado School will resume weekly visits to the library.

Linden: Branch operations in Linden will get under way in a few weeks with installation of shelving and furniture. At present applications are being received from those interested in working in the branch. The library is to be located in the same building as the Post Office.

County Hospital Service: A new service will begin at the San Joaquin General Hospital this month with the establishment of a book collection for patient use. This service is sponsored by the Stockton Junior Aid Society which purchased a hospital book truck for ward use. Sixteen volunteer workers will take the book truck through the wards twice a week.

AMADOR COUNTY

Miss Klausner spent a day at Jackson with Miss Dorothy Sinclair of the State Library and Mr. John Lorenz of the Office of Education, Library Services Branch, discussing with the County Supervisors and Library Committee members various aspects of the proposed liaison between Amador County Library and the Stockton Public Library.

Details of the contracts between the agencies are now being worked out and the plan is expected to go into operation on November 1st.

Miss Evanne Wheeler has been appointed librarian to work on the project. Miss Wheeler, a certified county librarian, has been in charge of the Martinez Branch of the Contra Costa County library.

Under Miss Klausner's direction a survey of library services in Amador County will be made and a proposal for the future development of adequate service is expected to result from the findings of the survey.

NEW BOOKMOBILE

Plans and specifications for a new bookmobile to serve the northern and eastern rural sections of the county have been prepared, and bids on the vehicle will be opened October 21st. It is hoped the unit will be delivered and ready for operation by March of 1958.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The annual conference of California County Librarians will be held at Fresno this year, October 14-15. Miss Klausner will attend.

This meeting will join with the annual convention of the California Library Association from October 15-18. Various staff members will attend and participate in meetings. Governor Goodwin J. Knight will address the conference on LIBRARIES AND LEGISLATION IN CALIFORNIA on Friday, October 18th.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Virginia L. Struhsaker and Miss Mildred R. Senior joined this staff October 1, 1957 as Fair Oaks Branch Librarian and Senior Catalog Librarian respectively.

Mrs. Struhsaker is a graduate of Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Virginia, and received her Library Science degree from the Catholic University of Washington, D.C. She has worked in governmental libraries and most recently was Senior Assistant in the Social Department of the Toledo Public Library, Toledo, Ohio.

Miss Senior comes to us as Senior Catalog Librarian with a rich and varied background in governmental and public library service. She has been employed in the Kansas City Public Library (Mo.), the Library of Congress and from 1937 to 1954 was head of the Interstate Commerce Commission Library. Miss Senior holds degrees from George Washington University and Columbia University.

Mr. and Mrs. William Green are proud parents of a baby girl, named Carolyn, born September 26th. Mrs. Green, Mary Ann, is a Typist Clerk working in the library office.

Miss Dorothy Eggers has received a probationary appointment to the Central Library staff as a full-time Library Page. She is taking over the duties formerly carried out by Annie Fong.

BOOKS IN DEMAND

Cozzens - By love possessed
Packard - Hidden persuaders
Levin - Compulsion
Mason - The world of Suzie Wong
Whyte - The organization man
Stone - Men to match my mountains
Baruch - My own story
Burdick - Ninth wave
Erskine - Pink Hotel
Hulme - Nun's story

ARE YOU UNFAIR TO YOUR LIBRARY?

"A strange thing in these dollar-loving United States is that books are almost contemptuously undervalued.....

"The smallest hamlet supplies its volunteer firemen with a modern engine and converts its main street into a great colored way during the Christmas season. But in most communities the public library gets a minimum budget to keep a minimum stock of books on a minimum number of shelves in a building of minimum size, operated by a minimum number of persons who are lucky if they get a minimum salary.....

"Statisticians have estimated the annual dollar loss from the common cold, from industrial accidents, from air pollution, from crime and many other things we could well do without. But who has reckoned the cost of ignorance? Who has estimated the billions in potential earnings and profits that are not being harvested because employees and employers don't read enough books? Aside from money, the loss in human happiness is the worst deficit of all....."

From an article by Alexander L. Crosby in the March 15 issue
of Library Journal

CALENDAR - OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

October 2	General Staff Meeting
4	Administrative Book Selection Northern California Film Circuit Meeting - Oakland - Mr. Koping and Mr. Klundt
8	Bond Election - VOTE K C V R - Miss Klausner to be interviewed at 1 P.M.
10	Association of Children's Librarians, San Francisco - Miss Bedinger
14-18	Annual Conference of County Librarians - Fresno Annual Conference of California Library Association - Fresno Various sessions will be attended by Miss Klausner, Mr. Benson, Mrs. Benson, Mr. Petrella, Mr. Rossi, Mrs. Kelly, Mr. Jones, Mr. Leigh and Mrs. Gathright.
21	Friends of the Library - Stockton - Mrs. Carma Zimmerman, Speaker California State Librarian
22	Administrative Book Selection
23	General Staff Meeting Branch Book Selection
30	Branch Book Selection
November 5	Administrative Book Selection
6	In-Service Training - Branch Assistants
11	Veterans' Day - Holiday
13	Branch Book Selection
19	Administrative Book Selection
20	General Staff Meeting
27	Branch Book Selection
28	Thanksgiving Day - Holiday

BOOKS TAKEN HOME

July - August

	1956	1957
TOTALS	118,003	137,516
Central Library	43,298	46,753
Fair Oaks Branch	6,906	10,175
North Branch	21,004	22,293
Bookmobile	17,437	25,446
Tracy	7,775	8,751
Manteca	7,603	7,933
Ripon	3,631	3,675
Escalon	3,295	4,404
Thornton	913	973
Stations	6,126	6,136
Other	15	977
Reference questions answered	5,414	6,910

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner
Director of Library Service

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STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

November and December 1957

Joy to the World!
The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing.

CENTRAL LIBRARY

Christmas materials including books, phonograph records and films are available for special short term loans. Check with the Reference Department.

On November 29th the Reference Department had the busiest day in its history with staff members answering over 200 reference questions.

The library Staff Association will have its annual Christmas breakfast at the Clark Hotel, December 18th, at 7:30 A.M. The price is $1.45 per person. Make reservations with Irma Woods, Order Department.

The Association is also gathering supplies for the library Christmas family. Anyone wishing to donate food, clothing or money is invited to contact Nadine Johnson, Circulation Department.

The Central Library and city branches will close at noon on December 24th and remain closed until December 26th. County branches will follow local custom as in the past.

On December 31st the Central Library and city branches will close at 6 P.M. and remain closed until January 2, 1958.

MEETINGS

On December 6th two members of the Reference Department staff were busy representing the library at meetings in different parts of the state. Bob Leigh attended a meeting of the C.L.A. Documents Committee held in Oakland. Various phases of documents work were discussed.

The Northern California Film Circuit held its bi-monthly meeting in Modesto where current problems were discussed and films previewed. Wally Klundt attended this meeting.

Mrs. Grace Olson, Supervising Catalog Librarian, attended a meeting of the Northern California Regional Group of Catalogers in Berkeley on November 15th.

The Golden Empire District of C.L.A. held its fall dinner meeting in Sacramento on Friday evening, November 15th. Attending from Stockton were: Edna Kelly, Phyllis Elliget, Virginia Struhsaker and Joe and Isabel Benson.

BRANCH NEWS

Headquarters

Things appear much brighter in Headquarters with the installation of new lighting fixtures in the office and stack areas.

Miss Evanne Wheeler, the librarian for the new Amador County Project, was in the Main Library and the Extension Department for over two weeks observing procedures and branch operations before starting her activities on the job in Jackson.

The first of the new series of In-Service Training meetings was held November 6th. The agenda featured two special library films, a discussion of public library service in contrast with school library service, instructions in use of the Reader's Guide, instructions on information needed for reference requests, and tips on telephone use and public relations.

A new schedule and program will be released by January 1st.

Linden

Branch operations began in Linden on November 1st, with the dedication activities in charge of the original Library Committee composed of members of the PTA, Lions Club, and Chamber of Commerce. Brightly colored new shelves and furniture, a good collection of new and recent books, pretty bouquets of flowers all made an impressive and attractive appearance. Coffee and cookies were served by the committee.

Mrs. Grace Machado is the new branch assistant. The hours are from 2 to 5 P.M. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with special additional hours for classes from the elementary and high schools.

Mr. Aldo Rossi spoke to the Linden PTA at their November meeting on "Books for Teen-agers." Mr. Benson also explained the position of the Linden Branch in relationship to the county library system.

Tracy

Big news at Tracy. As the result of a citizens' petition there will be an April bond election for a proposed $100,000 branch library building. A Friends of the Library group is being organized to help promote the issue, along with othe interested organizations and the library staff.

Manteca, Ripon, and Escalon

Beginning November 1st Mrs. Edna Kelly began her new duties as special supervisor for these three branches. Her present schedule calls for weekly visits to Ripon on Tuesdays, Escalon on Thursdays, and Manteca on Friday.

Bookmobile

Bright yellow and black "reminder" signs have been obtained for each class in the schools served by the Bookmobile. One side reminds "Bookmobile Books Due Tomorrow" and the reverse side "Bookmobile Books Due Today."

Fair Oaks

At the request of the Fair Oaks School's PTA Mrs. Virginia Struhsaker gave them a summary of the Summer Reading Club's activities and effects at their November meeting.

North Branch

The kindergarten class at the Harrison School visited North Branch December 3rd, the very first visit to a library for most of them. Nothing like catching them young.

Hospital Service

The Junior Aid's project for library service to patients at the County Hospital, in cooperation with the library, must have set a good example. The Dameron Hospital Auxiliary is now following suit and has already ordered its book-cart for library service at this Stockton hospital. The Escalon Branch has also set up a shelf of books for use at the local hospital there.

Amador County

Miss Klausner spent December 9th and 10th in Jackson with Miss Wheeler in discussion and work on the Amador County Project. Visits were made to the branches at Sutter Creek and Ione and groundwork was laid for developing services in the county. Mrs. Sylvia Neal represented Amador County at the December 11th In-Service Training meeting.

PERSONNEL

Five additional people have been placed on the staff in the past two months. Mrs. Barbara Livesey is working in the Catalog Department as a Typist Clerk; Mrs. Ella Chaffin and Mrs. Edna Jeleti are the new Book Processors, and Mrs. Tobin Clarke and Mrs. Ursula Guinan have joined the staff as Library Assistants at North Branch and Fair Oaks.

Mrs. Florence Stimson, Book Processor, retired from the staff in mid-November. She will still be active in sales work assisting in a Lincoln Village gift shop.

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TO ALL THE STAFF -- A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Klausner

Margaret Klausner
Director of Library Service

Note: The 1957 figures reflect a 4 week borrowing period as compared to a 2 week period in 1956

BOOK USE

	November 1957		November 1956	
MAIN LIBRARY				
Adult	16,284		16,642	
Juvenile	3,773		4,487	
City Schools	21,501		15,830	
Total		41,558		36,959
CITY BRANCHES				
*City Hall	-		5	
Fair Oaks	4,086		4,101	
North Branch	10,025		10,865	
Total		14,111		14,971
Total-City		55,669		51,930
BOOKMOBILE		11,525		11,401
COUNTY BRANCHES AND STATIONS				
Calla	219		378	
Clements	136		173	
Collegeville	90		50	
Escalon	2,598		2,410	
Greenwood	73		119	
**Lafayette	-		313	
Lathrop	113		364	
Linden	773		227	
Live Oak	343		377	
Lockeford	103		72	
Manteca	3,651		4,090	
Nile Garden	67		74	
Peterson Hall	413		275	
Ripon	2,325		3,397	
S.J. Co. Hosp.-Wards	89		-	
S.J. Co. Sch. of Nursing	48		34	
State Hospital	1,002		660	
Thornton	455		498	
Tracy	3,651		4,286	
Total-County		16,149		17,797
		83,343		81,128

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* Now included in Main Library - Adult circulation.
** Closed.